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## Trust votes to empower Salt Spring

### More trustees urged for most populated islands

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

Trustees are hailing a proposal to increase the number of elected representatives on Salt Spring as a crucial move to reinvigorate the Islands Trust and provide the island with the representation it deserves.

"This may very well be the most historically significant decision the Trust has ever made," said Salt Spring trustee

ee Peter Lamb following the unanimous approval by the 26 trustees attending a Trust Council meeting on Saturna Island last week. "The decision will help strengthen the Trust's future and set a model for other islands."

According to the proposal, each local Trust committee would have a minimum of two elected officials, with additional trustees elected based on an area's population. The plan would see Salt Spring elect four local trustees.

Earlier this year, trustees on the Governance Task Force (GTF) set out to

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## B.C. Ferries gets its fuel surcharge wish

Travellers around the Gulf Islands will be slammed with another 9.6 per cent ferry fare increase on Thursday.

But B.C. Ferries Inc. (BCFSI) isn't aiming to swindle islanders, said Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) chair Bob Jones.

"It was inevitable," said Jones. "Gas prices are high. I don't think BCFSI is trying to 'gouge' using fuel prices

as an excuse."

Given that gasoline prices have jumped to approximately \$1.25 per litre at service stations, islanders should expect similar hikes from all businesses that rely on fuel usage, he said.

"If a company could absorb that [increase in fuel price], then frankly they were ripping you off to start off with."

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## Justice reps urge double dates to tackle island crime

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter  
Second of two parts

Business is booming at Ganges Provincial Court, and if Salt Spring doesn't get additional court dates to keep up with the backlog of files, more cases could be shuffled off the island.

The problem came to a head in May when a prominent drug trafficking trial was thrown out of court due to an "unreasonable delay" that violated the rights of the accused.

Local police, Crown counsel, defence lawyers and B.C.'s attorney general all agree that the island would be better served by more court time to meet growing demand.

"The justice system doesn't have the capacity to deal with all the files," said Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Danny Willis.

New adult criminal cases at Ganges have grown from 76 in 2003, to 112 in 2004 and 140 in 2005.

"When we come up with

larger caseloads, you'd think they would be proactive in finding scheduling," said Willis.

Currently, court only sits once a month at Ganges and there are few viable options for local justice if Salt Spring doesn't get more court time.

While the provincial government could save money by moving more trials to Victoria or shutting down the courthouse, as was done for a time in the late 1990s, islanders lose out, Willis said.

"The public interest on Salt Spring isn't the same as it is in Victoria," he said. "Smaller things are more important here than they may be in the big city."

Federal Crown counsel Michael Coleman also believes that justice is better served by maintaining an efficient court service on Salt Spring.

"If courts were shut down, for example, which would be one of the options, the direct cost and indirect cost to the community would be huge,"

said Coleman.

Witnesses and victims would be inconvenienced if court sat in Duncan or Victoria, instead of on the island, and it might be harder to get witnesses to step forward to testify, he said.

"If it's a great inconvenience to attend, there is a tendency for memories to get vague and that doesn't serve justice or the community."

The provincial govern-

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MASTER MARINERS: Tony Faulkner, left, and Niko Lohmann, members of the Coast Guard B team in the Sea Capers adult boat-building contest, head to the shore with their hand-made craft as part of festivities in Centennial Park on Saturday. More photos, Page A14.  
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## 40% of census forms not counted here

With Census Canada enumerators busily tracking down stray forms more than a month after the official May 15 deadline, it turns out Salt Spring Island has more than its fair share of hold-outs, according to the area's local census manager.

"While most areas across the province are at a 70 per cent return rate, Salt Spring Island is down at around 60 per cent," said Mike Griffin,

manager of the Vancouver Island - Mount Waddington local census area.

In spite of the May 15 date, Griffin said, it is not too late for people to return their completed census forms by mail or via the Internet. People who have either misplaced or never received a form can still call Census Canada at 1-877-594-2006.

Now that the deadline is well past, call volumes have

dropped and people should have less trouble getting through to an operator, he added.

Results from the census, he said, are crucial in determining the distribution of seats in the House of Commons and transfer payment funding provinces receive from the federal government.

"This information is extremely important and kept in the strictest confidence,"

he said. "For every person who is not counted, British Columbia loses \$1,000 per year."

According to Griffin, most delays are caused by people misplacing their forms and forgetting to follow up, but for those who remain unconvinced of the census' true value, Griffin added, failure to comply can face a maximum penalty of three months in jail and a \$500 fine.

## TRUST VOTE

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address growing public dissatisfaction with the inequitable representation of the region's more populous islands. Though Salt Spring Island residents account for nearly 45 per cent of the Trust's overall tax base and nearly half the Trust Area's 23,000 inhabitants, the island represents only seven per cent of Trust Council.

Last week's decision means the GTF can proceed with further examination of its proposal, including just how many additional trustees would be elected, in time for the Trust Council's next meeting in September. GTF members hope to have changes implemented in time for the next local elections in November of 2008.

Despite enthusiasm shared

around the Trust Council table, Susan Russell, a member of Islanders for Self Government, a Salt Spring-based non-profit organization promoting incorporation, said the decision does not go far enough to fix the inequity between Salt Spring and the other islands.

While the new proposal appears to address some of her group's concerns, Russell said, it will only end up providing Salt Spring Island with 15 per cent representation while increasing administration costs.

"This does a good job of getting the monkey off their back," she said. "It is a wise political move."

Further consultation between the GTF and island groups such as non-

profit organizations, island businesses and the Capital Regional District is also required, she added.

Speaking on behalf of the Renewal of the Origins of the Trust Study Group (ROOTS), Christine Torgrimson said unanimous approval is a sign trustees are taking the concerns of Salt Spring residents seriously.

The Islands Trust, she said, is an essential tool required to promote sustainable development in a region that has become a hot commodity.

"Many believe that unless important changes are made to the Trust in the next couple of years, another incorporation drive and vote could happen again in the next three to five years," she said. "We fear that the next

vote might not be so favourable."

Since the change will require altering provincial legislation, final approval for any changes must come from the provincial government.

Dave Crebo, communications manager with the Ministry of Community Services, said the government has received correspondence from trustees on the matter but will be unable to provide detailed information regarding the process until Trust Council votes on a finished governance plan.

"Generally speaking, the ministry takes a cooperative approach as long as the proposal is shown to be feasible," he said.

## COURT TIME

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ment might be concerned about the use of tax dollars if there's a demand for more court services on Salt Spring, but that's just the cost of business, Coleman said.

"A true justice system has expenses."

Ganges courthouse was shut down between April 1997 and September 1998, re-opening after a vigorous public campaign.

It isn't a mystery why Ganges re-opened when several other courts across the province didn't, noted provincial Crown counsel Barb Penty.

"The reason, as I understand it, that Ganges continues to run when other courtrooms have been shut down is that Salt Spring has such a small police detachment, and taking officers off island to anywhere else for the purposes of attending court decimates the force."

Defence counsel Tybring

Hemphill noted that small community courts like Ganges perform a significant role within the justice system.

"It serves a real purpose [to keep courts open] in a smaller community because people know what's going on. Nobody writes up what's happening in Victoria court, other than murder or something extreme."

Hemphill believes that Ganges needs a separate trial date in addition to the regular court sitting each month. But he cautioned against drawing too much attention to the problem.

"The whole thing is a bit dangerous for the Salt Spring courthouse because the government can go one of two ways. They can either say, 'I guess we'd better stick another day in there,' or they can say, 'If we just close it down, we don't have a problem anymore.'"

Wally Oppal, B.C.'s Attor-

ney General and Minister Responsible for Multiculturalism, commented on the growth in Ganges court's new adult criminal cases.

"It appears there are too many new cases coming on for the number of court days available. If that's the case, that's something we have to look at because the credibility of the system is important. And it's important for me as the attorney general that the people on Salt Spring Island ought to have confidence in the system, so I am quite concerned about that."

The judiciary is independent of the provincial government in scheduling matters, he noted.

"Once the judiciary establishes their schedule, we will provide the resources necessary for the court to proceed. But it's not for me to tell the chief judge how many judges he should be sending there."

Oppal believes that Salt

Spring could benefit from more judicial involvement.

"If the volume is increasing by that amount, maybe they should look at assigning more judges there."

But so far the court system hasn't ruled on the matter.

Sgt. Willis wrote to the administrative court judge of lower Vancouver Island in January to suggest adding court dates, and an extra one has been scheduled for July.

"All we can do is make suggestions. We're not in a position to dictate what we need," he said.

Administrative Judge Wayne Smith declined to comment on the issue. Instead, he asked the Driftwood to send him a letter with any questions or concerns about court time on Salt Spring.

"I don't guarantee any response because it's not my habit to talk to the press," he said.

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# Dorothy Cutting makes second energy crusade with NWT trip

By STACY CARDIGAN SMITH  
Driftwood Contributor

The voice at the other end of the phone is vibrant, excited and, most of all, passionate.

It is rare to find any individual who emanates this much energy, let alone a grandmother well into her 70s.

But the owner of this voice is none other than 75-year-old Dorothy Cutting.

Cutting has good reason to be excited. In less than two weeks, she will get into the driver's seat of her 2002 Honda Civic Hybrid and drive to Inuvik, Northwest Territories to protest global warming.

And she will make the journey on her own.

This is not the first time Cutting has embarked on a cross-country drive. In 2002, after reading Robert Hunter's 2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime, Cutting purchased her hybrid and drove to Ottawa to present a copy of the book to every member of Parliament.

"I was so appalled and frightened by what I read in the book about global warming," she said.

She returned from her journey, confident the signing of the Kyoto Accord would help to control "global heating," a term she finds more fitting than global warming.

"Global warming just sounds so comfortable. Everybody likes to be warm."

But she is back at it, again inspired by a number of books, including James Lovelock's The Revenge of Gaia and Tim Flannery's The Weather Makers.

"I thought, 'What can I do?' I only know how to do one thing, and that's get in my car and drive."

She leaves Salt Spring on July 1.

Cutting cited three reasons for her journey. First, she wrote in an e-mail, she wants "to alert anyone who'll listen to the fact that the climate crisis today represents an imminent risk to our species and to the life on our planet."

Next, she wants to learn for herself "what is happening to the Arctic environment



READY TO ROLL: Salt Spring grandma Dorothy Cutting is setting off on another global warming crusade.  
Photo by Derrick Lundy

and the people of the North" so she can write a report on the situation there.

She will also document her journey on film. Although Cutting has never used a camcorder, she agreed to take one on her journey.

In addition, local Salt Spring filmmakers Alan and Terri Bibby will document parts of Cutting's journey when they meet her in Whitehorse.

Finally, Cutting writes, she wants "to energize everyone I can to call or write Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Environment Minister Rona Ambrose and tell them that we must not abandon the Kyoto Accord; that not only should funding be restored for the programs to combat global heating that were cut by this government, but huge sums must be allocated to go beyond what was envisioned by the Martin government in developing clean alternative sources of energy."

Cutting's journey is sponsored by the Sierra Club of Canada, which also sponsored her 2002 drive.

"Dorothy's courage and passion about what will happen to future generations if we don't act now to reverse the build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will inspire individuals and

our government to do their part to avoid this impending catastrophe," said Sierra Club's executive director Stephen Hazell.

Since her journey back in 2002, Cutting said she hasn't put many kilometres on her car and she does her best to refrain from driving whenever possible.

"I don't go to town unless I have a lot of errands to run." But aware of her vehicle's CO2 emissions, Cutting signed up with TerraPass ([www.terrapass.com](http://www.terrapass.com)). TerraPass is an organization that funds clean energy projects that reduce industrial carbon dioxide emissions.

Dorothy admits she is nervous about her journey.

"I haven't had the courage to count the kilometres."

But she hopes it will positively impact others.

"I want to do this drive by myself, not because I'm a martyr, but because when I tell people I'm going to the Arctic, they ask 'Alone?' It's the fact I'm alone that gets people's attention."

To raise funds for her journey, Cutting is hosting a special screening of HBO's documentary Too Hot Not to Handle on June 29 at Cinema Central.

In addition, she will promote her drive and take donations at a Saturday mar-

ket table in Ganges.

Cutting is thankful for support she has received from the community.

"I couldn't do this without the Salt Spring Island community. Their support and their nourishment have given me the strength to do this."

For more information, check out Cutting's website at [www.sierraclub.ca/national/dorothy-cutting/index.html](http://www.sierraclub.ca/national/dorothy-cutting/index.html).



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# Trust launches drive to save ferries

Trustees from all corners of the Islands Trust stood united in the desire to preserve and protect ferry service to the Gulf Islands, in light of rising fares and concerns over reduced service.

"The British Columbian government has a role in this," said Brian Hollingshead, a Saturna Island trustee and former co-chair of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee. "The province has a moral obligation to step up to the plate and help with the fuel surcharge."

Meeting at their quarterly Trust Council meeting on Saturna Island last week,

trustees agreed to write letters to the Minister of Transportation in hopes the province will increase funding for smaller routes.

Hollingshead said the time is ripe for increased public pressure on the province to rally the public's support as the province prepares to renegotiate the terms of the Coast Ferry Act.

Brought into force when the government divested partial responsibility for the Crown corporation in 2003, it defines ferry funding and service requirements.

Hollingshead also said urgent action is needed to repeal a clause in the prov-

ince's Coastal Ferry Act that stipulates "designated ferry routes are to move towards a greater reliance on a user-pay system so as to reduce, over time, the service fee contributions by the government."

Concerns over a move to a more user-pay system, he added, would have drastic implications on the culture and economies of the islands, and a full-scale user pay system could see motorists paying \$111 to travel from North Pender Island to Swartz Bay.

Trust Council chair Kim Benson said the letter-writing campaign was an impor-

tant first step to remind the province of the ferry's essential role in providing island communities with services and supplies.

"We must take a role since I do not think there is anybody else prepared to do this," she said.

"The real issue is with respect to the province and they are the ones who have responsibility for infrastructure in the province."

Trustees voted to further explore the impact of the islands' dependence on B.C. Ferries and results are anticipated for the Trust Council's September meeting.

## FUEL SURCHARGE

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However, Jones does believe that BCFSI could improve efficiency on many minor routes to reduce fuel usage. He drew particular attention to the Tsawwassen-Long Harbour ferry (Route 9), and routes that serve the Southern Gulf Islands (Route 5 and Route 5a).

"I'm not convinced those vessels are being operated as efficiently as they should be, in other words, using the shortest possible distance and therefore burning the least amount of fuel to carry the traffic."

B.C. Ferries announced the fuel sur-

charge on Monday following a ruling from B.C. Ferry Commissioner Martin Crilly on an "extraordinary increase to offset the continued rising cost of fuel."

Crilly also set BCFSI a reduction target for fuel burned each year, requiring a one per cent reduction in each of 2006/07 and 2007/08.

The latest surcharge follows hot on the heels of a three per cent hike in February, a 4.4 per cent regular fare increase in November and another six per cent fuel surcharge from July 2006. As one example, a low-season return fare for a car and driver to Fulford

Harbour has jumped by \$7.20 in the last year.

"We recognize that if the fare keeps going up, people will stop travelling," said Gary Leitch, BCFSI communications manager.

And if you look at ferry fares from five years ago, a car and driver on the same route at peak time will be looking at a jump from \$25 (as of February 2001) to \$35 (effective June 22, 2006).

Crilly indicated a likely fuel surcharge increase for this summer when he made his previous ruling on December 21, 2005.

What's On?  
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## Ferries ferment over schedule

By MITCHELL SHERRIN  
Driftwood Reporter

Members of the Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee (SSIFAC) fumed over B.C. Ferries' rejection of proposed schedule changes aimed at improving service to the island during a regular public meeting on June 14.

"We haven't been particularly happy campers," said SSIFAC chair Bob Jones.

SSIFAC had worked with B.C. Ferries and members of the Southern Gulf Islands Ferry Advisory Committee (SGIFAC) over several sessions to revise service for the ferry that serves Tsawwassen, Long Harbour and the other Gulf Islands (Route 9). But B.C. Ferries rejected the latest SSIFAC proposal that would provide an earlier Long Harbour arrival time on Friday nights.

"Because you're a monopoly, all I can do is jump up and down," Jones said to ferry corporation reps attending.

"For two years I've been saying, 'A midnight arrival on Friday night simply isn't good enough.'"

B.C. Ferries rejected the plan because it impacted passengers travelling to Galiano, Pender, Mayne and Saturna islands.

"I'm not a doctor, but this is like the Hippocratic oath, 'Above all, do no harm,'" said BCFSI fleet operations vice president George Capacci.

The SSIFAC plan to get a 10:10 p.m. arrival at Long Harbour required an earlier departure from Tsawwassen (currently 6:30 p.m.) for the Southern Gulf Islands and a two-hour transfer wait for Saturna-bound travellers.

Saturna resident Brian Hollingshead, who chaired the SGIFAC for the past five years, opposed the Salt Spring committee's plan prior to his resignation this month.

"You can't just kill off an island to get more revenue," said Hollingshead.

He argued that 70 per cent of Saturna real estate (population 300) is owned off island and few people would be able to visit the island from Vancouver based on a 5:15 p.m. departure and 9:35 p.m. arrival with the SSIFAC proposal.

Hollingshead suggested increased usage of the through-fare option between Tsawwassen, Swartz Bay and Fulford Harbour for Salt Spring.

SSIFAC members believed they had support for the

proposal from every island except Saturna.

"I don't understand the economics of it," SSIFAC member Janice Harkley said. "You've got a small island controlling the ferry schedule."

And Harkley argued that the SSIFAC plan aimed to sustain the under-utilized Route 9 (which receives no revenue from the through-fare option).

"We don't make a profit on any of these routes," Capacci countered.

Currently, the provincial government provides a service fee of 50 per cent for Salt Spring sailings and 80 per cent for other minor routes. And SSIFAC members noted that government officials could opt to reduce the service fee with a new contract in 2008 if the ferries are not well utilized.

"We run a risk of getting a reduced subsidy because we are not running that boat as efficiently as possible," Jones said.

And Jones expressed frustration that SSIFAC members had made no progress in ferry schedule improvements during their term.

"The schedule we are going to run this year is actually the schedule from two years ago."

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**SPRUCE UP:** Len Wallbank and a friend check out the paint job at the Farmers Institute as a work bee gets underway on Sunday.  
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## Shaw scoops Saltspring Cablevision

After almost a quarter-century of business on the island, Saltspring Cablevision sold its local cable system to Shaw Communications Inc. on Thursday.

"We are very proud of the cable system that we've developed over the years and we are delighted that Shaw is purchasing Saltspring Cable. This is a good deal for the residents of Salt Spring who have supported us in our endeavours for the past 24 years," said Geoff Phillips, who co-owned Saltspring Cablevision with his wife Linda since May 1982.

Saltspring Cable serves some 1,500-1,600 island customers, Phillips said.

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"I'm very familiar with Salt Spring. I used to go over quite a bit," said Shaw president Peter Bissonnette.

"All around, I think everyone is happy with the deal."

Shaw has already initiated a technical assessment of local services with an aim to upgrade the system, he said.

"We're looking at 90 days to completion to have the system rebuilt. [We plan] to add the same types of services that we would have in Victoria, for instance; broaden the digital lineup, launch Internet and ultimately offer our digital phone service over there. For us, it's a great opportunity to expand and offer services to people on Salt Spring, who we know many of, who are retired and like to have what they had when they left wherever they were."

The Salt Spring cable purchase marked the second acquisition for Shaw in two days around B.C. On Wednesday, Shaw also bought Pemberton Cable, which operates cable and Internet services in Pemberton, 30 kilometres north of Whistler.

As for any upcoming developments, Bissonnette asked islanders to, "Stay tuned."

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# Drinking driver hits woman, nets fine

An impaired driver who struck a pedestrian received the mandatory minimum sentence when he pleaded guilty to driving over the legal alcohol limit in Ganges Provincial Court on June 13. Islander Daryl Fletcher had blood-alcohol readings of 0.270 (over triple the legal limit of 0.08) after he was arrested following the collision just before 10 p.m. on May 24.

Court heard that the victim suffered nerve damage to her foot and required stitches when she was struck by Fletcher's car in a cross-walk at 100-block Fulford-Ganges Road.

Speaking in his defence, Fletcher foisted blame for the collision on the pedestrian.

"Shouldn't you look to the left and the right before you

step out onto the street?" He also indicated that he'd been drinking on May 24 because he'd gone through "difficult times" related to the health of his father.

Court also heard that Fletcher received a \$138 ticket at the crash scene because his licence had expired almost a year earlier.

Crown counsel Barb Penty suggested that the "severely aggravating circumstances" of the collision warranted further investigation before sentencing, but Judge Pauline Maughan ruled in favour of the defendant and noted that he remained at the accident scene and took responsibility for his actions at the first opportunity in court.

Consequently, Fletcher received the mandatory minimum

\$690 fine and a one-year driving prohibition.

Two other islanders also received the mandatory minimum sentences when they pleaded guilty to impaired driving charges on June 13.

Sascha Gilbert-Stone was stopped at 11:20 p.m. on January 25 after police observed him cross the double line on Fulford-Ganges Road.

Gilbert-Stone reported that he'd had three glasses of wine when he was stopped by police.

Speaking on behalf of the 22-year-old islander, defence counsel Sid Filkow said, "He's learned his lesson."

Paul Williamson pleaded guilty to a charge of failure or refusal to provide a breath sample from when police stopped him on September 14.

Court heard that Williamson was observed driving a vehicle that weaved along North End Road. Once stopped, the investigating officer noticed that Williamson had red-rimmed eyes and that there were empty beer cans around the driver's seat.

In his defence, Williamson reported that he'd been driving for 16 hours running errands on Vancouver Island that day and that he was convinced he was not intoxicated.

As a point of clarification from a May 17 Driftwood report of Ganges court on May 9, Joseph Smith pleaded guilty to two counts of impaired driving, while Crown dropped four counts stemming from two other incidents — there were not four additional incidents.

# Salt Spring man faces 'final reckoning'

An islander will work off a suspended sentence with 60 hours of community service after he admitted to driving while prohibited. But he won't be driving anywhere soon.

Salt Spring RCMP stopped John Steel of Upper Ganges Road twice in two months after he was already serving an indefinite suspension for impaired driving charges.

Steel was stopped on March 19 when RCMP observed him driving out of the local detachment parking lot after he'd attended the police station to report a stolen bicycle. He was stopped again on April 15 at an island roadblock and his

vehicle was impounded.

Crown counsel reported that Steel (who is not the island realtor with a similarly spelled name) had seven previous impaired convictions over the past 30 years and had a previous charge of driving while suspended.

In his defence, Steel expressed frustration over his attempts to appeal his driving suspension and indicated that he's been sober for almost five years. He was able to obtain insurance and a licence plate for his vehicle as a veteran with a designated driver, he explained.

"My licence has been cancelled until 2052," he said.

In addition to 60 hours of

community service, Judge Pauline Maughan ordered Steel to serve a one-year probation, but she did not add to his driving prohibition since the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles had already ordered an indefinite suspension.

"There will be a day of reckoning and you can't avoid a final reckoning with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles," she said.

In other court news:

• Crab catching without a licence netted a \$550 fine for islander David Carson.

"It's an honest mistake," said Carson. "I'm willing to pay the fines. I've eaten enough crab since then."

Court heard that Carson

returned 12 crabs to the ocean at Centennial Dock on July 17, 2005 when he was arrested for fishing without a sport fishing licence and retaining more crabs than the allowable quota of four.

• Morgan Howard received a \$115 fine after he pleaded guilty to violation of his probation terms on April 28.

Howard (age 21) had been lodged in police cells after he was found drunk in public at Centennial Park on April 28. He has been serving a 12-month probation with an alcohol abstinence condition since January after he pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and causing a disturbance.

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# Sea Capers festival gets welcome return

A late spring squall blowing off the harbour was nary enough to dampen the spirits of even the mightiest land-lubber among the hundreds of people who turned out to celebrate the return of Sea Capers last Saturday at sites throughout Ganges.

"Everybody was a winner," said event organizer Bart Terwiel of the Salt Spring Harbour Authority (SSHA). "We definitely hope to put on the event again next year."

Last year's festival was cancelled due to a lack of organizers but the SSHA took on the task in 2006.

The main draw of the marine festival featured members from 10 teams trying out boat-building techniques with only particle board, plastic bags, tape, a pallet, screws and nails.

Intrepid navigators spent two hours constructing a boat fit to navigate a course near the Centennial Dock without capsizing in the chilly waters, as a crowd of more than 100 people cheered from the shore.

Winners included Iltyd Perkins and Greg Middleton in first place, with the Coast Guard Auxiliary B team coming in second.

The best thing about the event, Terwiel said, is that everybody in the event managed to win a prize categories, including most shore-worthy, powerful and decorated.

Boat builders of tomorrow also came out in force as more than 150 participants took part in the children's boat building event held in the SSHA parking lot. Other events included a classic workboat show, radio-controlled boat demonstrations, kayak trials, dragon boat races, live music and a pie sale.



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# Book room reopens

By PETER GRANT  
Recycle Depot Manager  
Salt Spring Recycling Depot users will be pleased to know that the Book and Magazine Exchange is open again after a "makeover" — new flooring, paint and bookshelves.

The idea of the Exchange is to give good reading material a second (or third) chance to entertain rather than be recycled into new paper.

But there are a few things users should know to make things work the way they are intended. The Exchange was an idea conceived by a few volunteers many years ago, and since then various volunteers have given of their time to keep things tidy. It gets overwhelming at times when folks just drop off boxes of books and leave. The Exchange is immensely popular and gets a high volume of visitors.

If everyone took the few minutes to put their material on the shelves, the volunteers' work load would be greatly eased. If one doesn't have time, they are simply asked to put the material in the "paper" recycling bin instead.

Recycling staff are not part of the Exchange operation as the Exchange is strictly a volunteer-based program. Staff have other responsibilities and can very easily get stuck all day hauling stuff from the Exchange to the Recycling bins. All books and magazines are free, and people are asked not to take material to "re-sell."

So, here's a few simple "guidelines."

- drop off only intact, clean books and magazines.
- no catalogues such as Sears, Lee Valley, and no phone books.
- no encyclopedias.
- no boxes of stuff left on the floor.

All these can go directly into the "paper" recycling bin. Your co-operation will be appreciated by all who use the book room.



**WAY OUT:** Gulf Islands Secondary School students Matt Burnaby (left) and Ted Ritson explore Ganges Harbour marine life during a rarely experienced 0.0-foot tide on June 13. They were led by Biology 11 teacher Ian Mitchell. Photo by Ian Mitchell

## Counselling ordered for alcohol, violence

An island man was ordered to take counselling after he admitted to beating his girlfriend and her roommate during two drunken incidents.

Dean Cornwall pleaded guilty to two counts of assault and a charge of driving while impaired from three different incidents during Ganges Provincial Court on June 14.

Cornwall admitted he'd assaulted his girlfriend after they got into a drunken fight on November 13, 2005. Court heard that the victim suffered from a scraped knee and bruises on her shin, eye and ankle after she was thrown into a ditch.

The 44-year-old islander also pleaded guilty to an incident on January 3 involving his girlfriend's roommate. A police report indicated that Cornwall had grabbed the woman by the throat, hit her and threw her to the ground after she reached into his pocket to get money when he asked her to buy groceries. Upon arrest, Cornwall was held in cells because of his intoxicated state.

Cornwall received an additional charge of impaired driving after police heard complaints that he was yelling threats at his mother from a vehicle on February 21.

RCMP found Cornwall driving an unlicensed, uninsured vehicle and reported that he was mumbling and slurring his words. Cornwall failed subsequent field sobriety tests.

Asked how much he had to drink that night, Cornwall told police, "Too much to be driving."

But he failed to provide breath samples on repeated attempts with an approved screening device.

He was ordered to pay the mandatory minimum \$690 fine and serve a one-year driving prohibition as part of the impaired driving charge.

In response to assault charges, he received a suspended sentence and a one-year driving probation with alcohol and relationship counselling.

Crown dropped an additional charge of assault and two counts of breaching bail terms against Cornwall.

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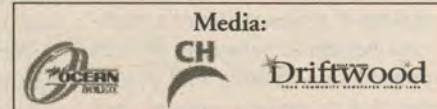
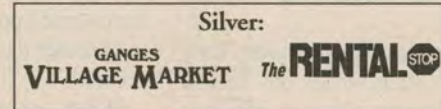
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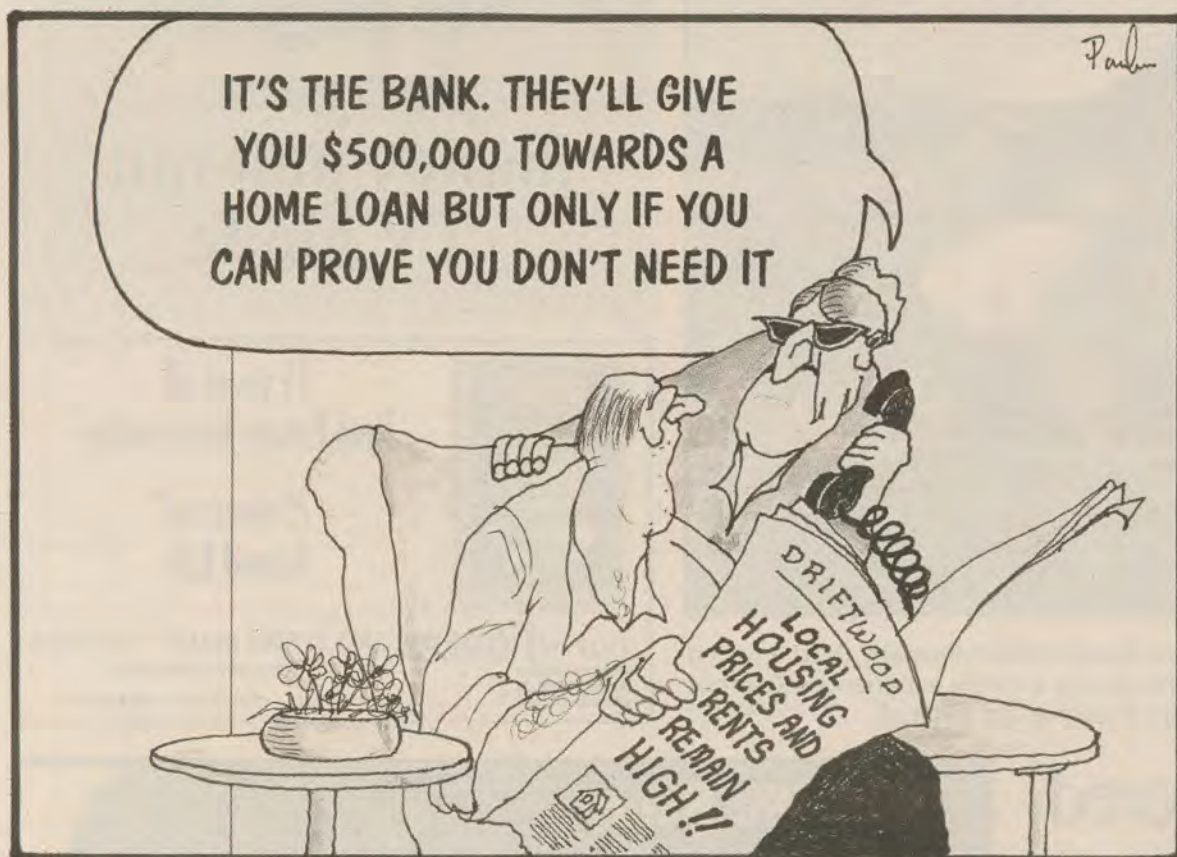
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## Ferry fuel strategies

What's an islander to do?

B.C. Ferries has launched its fourth rate hike in a year for a cumulative fare increase of 25 per cent.

To borrow a quote Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair Bob Jones (who was talking about a different issue), "Because you're a monopoly, all I can do is jump up and down." But Jones frankly reminds us that B.C. Ferries is caught in the same pinch that the rest of us feel when we pull up to the pump. "Gas prices are high."

And since the ferry corporation consumes about 120 million litres of diesel a year, that pinch at the pump would exterminate most mortals.

Still, it's a tough burden to bear when a return trip to Victoria or Duncan will now cost \$35 for a car and driver (not to mention those pesky fuel costs).

The likely outcome of the ferry fare hikes is fewer unnecessary trips off island, increased prices on local goods and perhaps more ominously, fewer visitors to fuel the Gulf Islands' tourism economy.

The provincial government even published a study in March 2004 that linked rising fares to declining passenger trips and lost tourism revenue ([www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr\\_tour.asp](http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/pubs/pr_tour.asp)).

If you think you won't be affected because you don't own a B&B, think again. The ripple effect of decreased revenue for local businesses affects every aspect of island services.

And B.C. Ferries communications manager Gary Leitch noted that the company recognizes that people will stop travelling if fares keep going up.

They're even trying to find more fuel-efficient ways to provide ferry service through maintenance, altered schedules, better operations, re-engineered vessels and re-surfaced hulls. They are also looking at installing fuel monitors, redesigned propellers and other initiatives (admittedly under direction from the B.C. Ferry Commissioner).

Perhaps islanders need to hop on the same boat and look for fuel-saving efficiencies. Maybe it's time to encourage more bike or bus tourism between Salt Spring and connecting communities. Our economy might depend on it.

## World leaders in Salt Spring school classrooms

By ROBERT BIRCH

Each day when I go into work I sit in a circle with world leaders.

It's profound, challenging and life-changing work. Some days, either in triumph or exhaustion, I come home and cry. They're tough negotiators, these 11-15 year olds. They have their own unique understanding of power and privilege, of how attention gets distributed.

As the school year comes to a close I reflect on the world these kids will inherit and how this generation will awaken from the dream of the planet, our collective oppression of all things natural.

Several years ago, a small group of Salt Spring women stood up against a brutal act of violence toward a mother and her child. Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse knew that to make a cultural shift in our society, the face of violence needed to be recognized early on in a child's social education. Six years ago SWOVA initiated the Respectful Relationships Program.

Salt Spring is now recognized as a world leader in social education. SWOVA and School District #64 are proud to have partnered to make the

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R&R program a national and internationally lauded curriculum that makes healthy changes happen.

Every year all Grade 7, 8, 9 and 10 students participate in a 12-session curriculum. The feedback has been phenomenal. These kids grapple with the social viruses of sexism, racism and homophobia at levels that might put most university programs to the test. Together these kids build stronger, healthier social immune systems that recognize and repel the ills of the world.

We begin by sitting in a circle. Each participant then writes out her/his goals and dreams. We then introduce experiential activities designed to deepen concepts of personal boundaries, empathy and creative conflict and communication skills. We deconstruct the influence of media and how stereotypes perpetuate violence. We role-play scenes where in one case a young girl spreads rumours about her former friend who might be a

"lesbian." These kids begin to comprehend that language affects the climate of intolerance and abuse. They begin to understand that by protecting one another's rights they possess the skills to champion their own goals and dreams.

We state at the top of each program that we will not assume everyone in the class is "straight-identified." We make space for people of diverse religious beliefs to share their thoughts. We don't indoctrinate, we listen, we question and we encourage them to challenge us. Kids learn that diversity doesn't always mean agreeing with one another.

Then we witness a small cultural transformation. The recipe is as simple and complex as inviting them to consider the idea of "being themselves."

When we respect youth, not as institutionalized seat-bound students, but as active young global citizens, these kids demonstrate a maturity seemingly beyond their years. They articulate what kind of adults and parents they would like to become. They name world problems and imagine what kind of super power they would need to change them. They begin

to thaw out from the predominant world-view that the upper class, middle-aged, straight, white, healthy male is superior to the rest of the planet. And if a child represents that particular demographic, we invite him to consider how his privilege can benefit others as well as himself.

We invite them to think critically, to discern and disassemble the box society wants them to hide inside and pretend to enjoy. The jolt awake comes when these youth can identify and express their feelings as a source of personal authority — a skill that many of our own generation have yet to achieve.

Two of the 12 sessions are gender separate. When asked, "What does it mean to be a girl/boy? How do girls and boys get stereotyped? What does a healthy relationship look and feel like? How do we identify the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship?" their responses are telling of the pressures these kids live under.

The young women unravel the enormous social weight and soul aching of body image. Christina Antonick, my amazing co-facilitator and a tireless youth activist, assists these young women to recognize how sexism becomes internalized

and entrenched in how they perceive themselves. Many young women safely experience for the first time what might be called the "anger of awakening." While society evolves, it has a long way to go before gender equality truly exists. These girls learn to self-advocate.

As for the young men, together we examine objectification and desensitization of ourselves as males and more particularly of women. We chat about how learning to dance and cook a good meal goes a long way en route to a successful date. We won't shy away from talking about anything, provided it is done respectfully.

We approach this work with an open heart and a curious mind. We can't pretend to understand these kids or the world they struggle with at home or school. The Respectful Relationships Program makes space for their stories and experiences to become the medicine making of the future. As an educator and artist of 23 years I am proud to say that in their classroom the teacher is the real learner.

*The writer is a facilitator with the Respectful Relationships Program.*

## Flogging the back-40 to a non-profit club ideal way to retire

By RANDY SLOAN

As I religiously read the letters to the editor section last week in your esteemed paper I realized that Dwight Jones had a brilliant idea on how to sell property.

We all know that due to escalation of land prices here on Salt Spring Island that soon all properties will need multiple buyers. In keeping with that thought I will offer my property for sale also.

I have very little parking, so maybe the hiking club would

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island map (from the Tourist Info Centre) to hang in the clubhouse so members would know where to go and how to get there.

The land is very climbable and I'm told a fantastic view can be had from the top. A platform could be built for those who make it and could include

pumpkin patch interspersed with hearty flora and fauna would well be worth an investment of all your savings!

This community club could include others, such as the gardening people. (They would be invaluable to keeping the "natural look" of the front yard intact.)

The climbing wall people may join so they may get some fresh air and the challenge of loose hand and foot holds. (I imagine this would take much more care.) The search and res-

lific that I search and rescue my garden tools constantly.

All clubs would benefit from the small front deck with a dilapidated BBQ, which of course goes with the deal. Included with the property is a storage shed to generate revenue. It is an excellent place to store rope, brooms, shovels and club paraphernalia.

Then again, think of "affordable housing." There is absolutely nothing that could be done about that here, but I wanted you to think about it.

this once-in-a-lifetime offer. I believe I have a unique property. (That always sounds good in realty lingo.) It has "seasonal" springs (when it rains).

It is close to town. Lots of sun (up to about 3:30) and very nice neighbours. (One has a pool . . . maybe if he joined the club — who knows? Rainbow Road could lose your membership at its facility).

The cost would be only one-third of the proposed rowing club facility at \$500,000. This pales in comparison with other

Oh yeah, the zoning may be a problem unless you tell the Islands Trust you are just buying it so you can move it — much like a harbour plight sort of idea.

By the time the smoke has cleared, your grandchildren will be scratching their heads wondering what you were thinking about.

I hope I have given you something to think about for my retirement (and don't forget about the investors' meeting in the lav at Mout's).

# SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** *What is your favourite thing about summer on Salt Spring?*



**Devin Milner**

*Swimming in the lake and playing a bit of golf.*



**Tracy Harrison**

*I love the light, the warmth and all the festivals.*



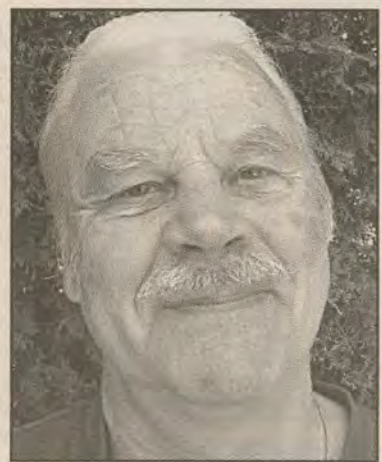
**James Gryphon**

*I always meet a lot of beautiful people in the summer.*



**Sig Luft**

*I like getting out on the water.*



**Ron Nordine**

*I enjoy when it's over so I can go pick mushrooms.*

## Letters to the Editor

### False assertions

Two weeks ago, a large advertisement in this newspaper urged Canadians to demand the immediate withdrawal of Canadian troops from Afghanistan. Its author paraphrased a Taliban commandant's ire toward the Canadian military presence there. The author also asserted, having more money than memory, that the war in Afghanistan "has absolutely nothing to do with us" and asserted that if the Canadian government were to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, "we will not need to fear any retaliation from al-Qaeda."

Those assertions are patently false and dangerously naive.

The war in Afghanistan has everything to do with Canadians. The Taliban are complicit in the murders of 24 Canadians. The Taliban controlled Afghanistan and allowed al-Qaeda to operate its terrorist training camps there. Al-Qaeda murdered 24 Canadians on September 11, 2001. Along with nearly

3,000 other innocents, those 24 Canadian citizens were burned alive with jet fuel after al-Qaeda terrorists flew two airliners into the World Trade Center, or they were crushed to death when the twin towers collapsed.

Canadians need to fear al-Qaeda's actions in Canada, as Stewart Bell indicated in 2004 in his book *Cold Terror*.

Prior to the attack at the World Trade Center and prior to the invasion of Afghanistan, al-Qaeda had already put the lives of Canadians in mortal danger. In 1999, Ahmed Ressam, an al-Qaeda terrorist trained in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan, prepared in Canada for an attack on the Los Angeles airport. He and another al-Qaeda terrorist mixed chemicals for a bomb in a motel along Kingsway Avenue in Vancouver. To reach Los Angeles, they transported those volatile explosives on a B.C. Ferry from Tsawwassen to Swartz Bay — a ferry on which residents of Salt Spring Island could have been travelling and killed. (Subsequently, American border guards in

Port Angeles, Washington arrested Ressam as he disembarked the Coho ferry from Victoria.)

Prior to that plot, Ressam and his cohorts had been planning to explode gasoline trucks in residential areas of Montreal.

The assertions made in the advertisement are false, quod erat demonstrandum. If its author wants Canada to be a country "in which we can go walking about holding our heads high," then it must be with open eyes atop a strong backbone.

She can wish fervently for an Arcadian dreamland where she can teach the world to sing in perfect harmony. Unfortunately, in the real world, medieval fanatics like the Taliban commandant Osama Bin Laden and Ahmed Ressam have already shown us their intentions. Canadian military opposition to the Taliban and al-Qaeda is vital to Canada's safety and to the creation of a stable, non-terrorist-sponsoring government in Afghanistan.

**G. PETERSON,**  
Salt Spring

### Where's hope?

I applaud Ken Rouleau for his excellent In Response column in the June 14 Driftwood. As an American citizen living on Salt Spring I am embarrassed and ashamed of my government's actions in the world.

The tragic waste of human and material resources in Iraq, the devastation of the free trade agreements in Latin America and the aggressive economic new world order actions around the world are but a few of the most egregious.

The current American administration now in power is like a bull in a china shop. How do you begin to clean up the broken china if the bull is still in the china shop? I am not convinced that things will get much better if the Democrats take over Congress in the fall elections or even re-capture the White House in 2008. Most of the Democratic leadership have rolled over and simply endorsed this administration's catastrophic economic and foreign policy mistakes.

Where is the hope? That Canada and other nations will do the right thing and say no to the disastrous trade and foreign policy decisions of the U.S.A.

**GEORGE TAYLOR,**  
Salt Spring

### Lions directory

As you receive your directory for 2006-2007 this week you will notice the deletion of the cross-reference pages in the back of the book.

The Lions would like to let you know that it was with regret we had to pull these pages from the book, as we would all agree they are very popular pages. This was done for a few reasons, but mostly we need to keep the book to a certain weight in order to have it delivered by the post office.

As the island grows, so does the book and with the deletion of these pages we are just able to keep to that weight required. We are working on a separate cross-reference directory that will be ready for the first week of July. We hope you enjoy

your 2006-2007 edition.

**GAYLE LEBLANC,**  
Lions Publications

### Grateful

One night last week it was made very clear to me again how extremely lucky we are to have Lady Minto Hospital.

At 2 a.m. I had some breathing problems so went to emergency care. At once I was seen by a kind and efficient nurse. Within 10 minutes the doctor on call arrived. He was very competent and caring. I was treated and home in two hours. This just does not happen at most hospitals.

This hospital is very worthy of our support and I urge us all to support it. Many people give so much and I am thankful to them. After all, our lives could depend on the quality of this hospital. It is just too good to be taken for granted.

My husband and I are very grateful to Lady Minto and thank the staff for being there for us — once again.

**DIANA KRAMER,**  
Mansell Road

**MORE LETTERS A10**

## Driving stats gnawed by Bluetooth, but more trouble to come

I blew the tendons off my right shoulder a few months ago in a spectacular tumble down a set of basement stairs. I wound up in a tangled heap of bruised appendages, a damaged ego and a virtually useless right arm.

The human race is highly adaptive, and it wasn't long before I was managing quite nicely, awaiting yet another day surgery. It was all good, with the exception of cell phone calls in the truck. My arm just wouldn't go high enough to get the phone to my ear. I found myself actually lowering my head to have a conversation — lowering my head below the level of the dashboard. Naturally, one's proficiency behind the wheel is substantially impaired if you are only getting a glimpse of oncoming traffic now and then. Something had to be done. Enter Bluetooth.

Bluetooth is a small earpiece that is equipped with a microphone, and works wirelessly with most cell phones. Your cell phone tucks nicely away in your pocket

### HEAD TO HEAD

BY PETER VINCENT



while you yak away. Bluetooth models have a small on/off button and can be easily programmed to respond to voice commands. You say, "Dial home" and the phone dutifully makes the call without touching a button.

For around a hundred bucks, it is perfect. Almost.

I wasn't prepared for the merciless teasing. "Look, it's Spock!" "Have you picked up any aliens on that thing?" "Cyborg!"

Rubes. But I have a tough outer hide, and it wasn't long before I had a repertoire of comebacks at my disposal.

Another slice of Salt Spring mistook the device for a hearing aid, and resist as they may, they couldn't keep their eyes off this contraption sticking out of my ear. They would start tripping over their words. I now know what it must be like to have large breasts.

But over the course of a few months, an interesting thing happened. My life became easier and safer with this thing. I found I could be on a roof installing a satellite, or walking along the beach, making and taking calls to my heart's content without ever touching the phone.

My driving has become a whole lot better. No more scrambling around looking for a ringing cell phone, with a hot coffee in the other hand, driving with your knees, with a dog licking your face. These little devices should become mandatory in a car.

In a recent New England survey, it was found that regular cell phone users were four times as likely to injure themselves in a car accident — the equivalent to driving with .08 blood alcohol in your system — legally impaired.

You can bet that over the next year or so there will be legislation introduced making it illegal to use a regular cell phone in your car. It's already in place in Newfoundland (go figure.) Quebec and Ontario are throwing out feel-

ers to see the viability, to see how eager the cops will be to enact the law. Will they treat it as a serious offence or put it on the back shelf, along with pot possession beefs or domestic violence incidents?

After all, it's not like cell phones are going to go away any time soon. Despite the alleged health risks of these babies, there are now 212 million in use in the United States, with 40,000 more a day signing up. I am sure the numbers are similar in Canada.

Another benefit to the Bluetooth device is that it is impossible for the police to know if you are on it or not, or if you are singing along to The New Pornographers, or if you are having a conversation with your invisible friend. Bluetooth will be above the law.

Rightly so. It is completely hands free, so when programmed properly it is no more dangerous than having a chat with someone in the passenger seat.

There are plenty of other distractions that will need to be dealt with in the near future. What self-respecting soccer mom is not

equipped with a portable DVD player in the mini van? The whole automotive world seems absolutely giddy about shoe-horning a GPS system into the dashboard, thus eliminating the age-old puzzle of refolding Texaco maps.

These are the new kids on the block. The sentimental favourites of flipping through a CD binder, or fumbling for a cigarette, or spilling a hot cup of take-out coffee into your lap remain high up on the list of auto distractions that deserve judicial attention. Most fall under the category of "distracted driving," a catch-all phrase which roughly translates to "driving like an idiot, completely sober."

In a brilliant coup, Samsung has just released something called the Origami, a dashboard mini computer that allows you to watch DVDs, listen to music and check your e-mail while racing for the 5 p.m. ferry.

Count me in. They are Bluetooth compatible. Now, if Telus or Rogers can find a way to actually provide decent cell-phone service on this rock, my life will be complete.

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## More letters

### Governance questions

Congratulations to trustees Peter Lamb and George Ehring for sticking to their election promises to look at the current structure of the Islands Trust and try to negotiate a "better deal" for Salt Spring residents.

In that light they participated in the Islands Trust's governance task force, along with nine other trustees and Linda Adams, chief administrative officer of the Trust. Not included in task force membership was any representation from the NGOs, Roots and Islanders for Self Government, the Chamber of Commerce and other business/community interests, or the Capital Regional District regional director.

The report issued last week at Trust Council was thorough in addressing the issues regarding governance on this island as it relates to the Islands Trust. Unfortunately, it failed to address other governance issues of concern to islanders.

The report proposes to increase the representation to four trustees, from two, for local Trust areas, based on a population factor. This would mean that initially only Salt Spring would have four trustees. Salt Spring

would then have 15 per cent of the representation while contributing 40 per cent to the overall Trust budget.

But the task force members were pleased that this option retains the federated approach to representation. In addressing the relationship between taxation and representation at Trust Council, the task force stated that there would be a "higher relationship than status quo in more populous local Trust areas if population correlates with tax contribution."

Proportional representation is fundamental to democracy and the Trust task force recommendations do not seem to offer this.

Islanders for Self-Government have some questions for the trustees:

- Would there now be four votes on Trust Council for Salt Spring?
- Would one of the finance committee positions be reserved for Salt Spring?
- Would the chair of the Local Trust Committee still be from off-island?
- What would be the impact of costs on our local budget? Would the cost for our trustees double?
- Will there still be almost half a million dollars a year leaving Salt Spring to support the Islands Trust on the other islands?

• Will the other islands step up and increase their taxes to help support these increases?

• Will the B.C. government step up to help defray some of these increased costs?

• What will the response be from the Ministry of Community Services?

The Islanders for Self Government group believes that the Islands Trust recognizes it has a political problem on this island. The governance task force should only be the beginning, and perhaps the trustees might look at the benefits of an incorporated rural municipal model of governance, as is working well on Bowen Island. While they are in office, they could initiate steps towards examining this model, while ensuring that Salt Spring remains part of the federation of islands, maintaining the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust.

If anyone on this island can bring a more balanced and effective form of governance to this island, Peter Lamb and George Ehring are the two most able to do it. They were elected with a strong majority and are widely respected.

**SUSAN RUSSELL,**  
for Islanders for Self Government

### Police presence

We were so happy to see roses in the paper from the Relay for Life to all the neighbours by Portlock Park.

Unfortunately, the neighbours on Vesuvius Bay Road were not so fortunate, as a huge house party in full swing in the early evening kept us up until 4 a.m.

A call at 10 p.m. met with an assurance the RCMP would shut it down at 11 p.m. At 12:30 a.m. we called again and saw the police drive by shortly after. The underage kids by this time were walking up and down the road with open beer and alcohol, and there were cars coming and going that should have been stopped.

The noise level was unbelievable. They had a sound system set up outside and that alone should have been reason enough to shut this party down.

Our complaint with the RCMP is for not setting up road blocks and checking every car that left Vesuvius that night for drunk drivers

and open booze, to say nothing of the underage kids wandering up and down the road with drinks in hand. They were having a great time. We, however, were not.

The residents of Vesuvius are tired of not being heard and having to go to jobs the next day with no sleep, not to mention having to sweep up all the broken glass off the road and pick up empty beer cans.

We are the ones paying taxes and we feel the renter of the party house should have been shut down when the local RCMP were called the first or second time.

Having lived on this wonderful island for over 10 years, we have seen officers come and go.

There was a time when we knew every officer and they were a constant presence on the street and in our parks, talking to kids young and old. I can't remember when I last saw an officer out of his or her vehicle.

The parks on a Sunday have young and old drinking beer, knowing they will not be bothered, so it's OK. We choose not to use our parks to avoid the panhandlers that need another drink.

We need to come together as a community and deal with this issue. Someone needs to take responsibility.  
**MARY ANNE MCLAUGHLIN,**  
**DEB STEVENSON,**  
Vesuvius

### Relay thanks

To everyone who made the 1st Canadian Cancer Society Relay for Life on Salt Spring Island such a special event, thank you.

To all the volunteers who put many hours into the event, some forgoing sleep for 24 hours, thank you.

To the businesses on Salt Spring who didn't even pause when asked for the countless time to "help out," thank you.

To the performers, activity coordinators and for the words that made the night so meaningful, thank you.

To the participants, whose excitement and enthusiasm before, during and after the event made everything wonderful, thank you.

To the survivors, whom we honour, thank you.

To those we have lost, who showed us that after torrential rains the sun does shine again, we thank you and miss you so much.

To the community of Salt

Spring Island, thank you, thank you, thank you!

**MARGO GREGGAINS,**  
for the leadership committee, Salt Spring Island Relay for Life

### Legoland journey

Theatre goes from Toronto were visiting with me during the performances of Legoland held at the high school June 5-7.

They commented that if this ran with seasoned actors, one couldn't expect a more professional and capable performance. The actors were matched in strength and their interpretation of their roles was impeccable, and it's true that we were, indeed, on the journey with both of them.

I also thoroughly enjoyed the performance, but more than that was also proud that one of our islanders, Amitai Marmorstein, has achieved such a high level of competency in the theatre at such a young age.

I look forward to seeing more of him in other productions.

**HANNAH BROWN,**  
Salt Spring

### More on cancer

During this cancer-awareness time I thought that possibly my personal experience with cancer may be helpful.

Early detection I believe was the key to my recovery from two different breast cancers. I was 38 when my husband Gordon discovered my first lump. It was very small. I had a mastectomy followed by a series of radiation treatments.

After five years I was declared probably cancer free.

In my 65th year in 1990 a mammogram detected a small lump in my other breast, which was undetectable in self-examination. The treatment this time, 27 years later, was a lumpectomy followed by a series of radiation treatments.

We are indeed grateful for the excellent treatment I have received.

We contribute to the yearly cancer fundraising campaigns, although we very much regret that a greater emphasis is not placed on cancer prevention. It is the only way we feel that the steady increase in cancer rates can be reversed.

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# Anachronistic Spanish siesta deserves passionate defence

The late, great Noel Coward wrote many witty and memorable lines, but perhaps his most famous contribution was this:

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*Mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the mid-day sun.*

I'm not sure that it marks a great leap forward for humankind, but it looks like 44 million Spaniards may be about to join those batty Brits and crazed canines. The Spanish government is officially abolishing the siesta.

Siesta. A beautiful word for a beautiful concept. It comes from hora siesta, or 'sixth hour', referring to the number of hours after dawn when it seems like a good idea to get out of the potato patch, turn off the cement mixer, abandon the Toro mower and get your carcass out of the broiling sun and into some nice cool shade. It's just a sensible break, not the end of the working day. The workers return refreshed to their jobs for a couple of hours in the cooler temperatures of the evening.

The Spanish didn't invent the siesta — they swiped it from Portugal — but they enthusiastically exported it to grateful nations around the world. Mexicans embrace the siesta concept, as do most Central and South American

countries as well as the Philippines.

Indeed, any country where the mercury routinely soars into the 40's in the early afternoon usually observes some variation of the siesta. Most folks in China, Taiwan and southern India also make it a point to pull down the shades just after lunch.

Not that the Spanish siesta is all about sleeping — it's more about family. For untold generations, Spaniards have retired to their homes for a mid-afternoon break to be with their loved ones, eat a hearty lunch, drink some vino and what have you. The siesta is healthful, life-affirming and pleasant. So naturally the Spanish government wants to get rid of it.

Because it's frightfully unproductive, don't you see? All those citizens enjoying themselves at home when they could be down at the factory cranking out widgets, sweating over hay bales out in the south forty or filling out purchase orders in quintuplicate back at the office.

Let's face it. The siesta is an anachronism. A throw-back to ancient times when

people lived for themselves, not for the clock on the wall. All that's changed now. Spain is a member of the European Common Market — and how's that going to work if an olive oil importer in Düsseldorf calls Malaga to place an order and all he gets is a busy signal because Senor Malaga has his phone off the hook so it doesn't interrupt his siesta?

Well, no more. Under a new law, federal employees are obliged to take no more than 45 minutes for lunch — and to leave the office for the day no later than 6 p.m.

Will it work? I have my doubts. The law was passed in January, when afternoon temperatures are chilly, even downright frigid in Spain. We'll see how many Spaniards think working through the afternoon is a good idea once torrid summer weather sets in.

As a Luddite and a romantic, I hope the initiative fails miserably. Why should Spain be like Belgium and Denmark and Latvia, all in the name of economic harmonization? German marks and Dutch pfennigs, French francs and Spanish pesetas are already currency history, replaced by the dreary, ubiquitous Euro. Sure, it's easier to figure out what you're paying for a product in Europe now — but it's a whole lot blander.

I guess this is the Global

Village Marshall McLuhan prophesied. No doubt one day Toronto will be just like Toledo and Madrid will be indistinguishable from Moncton.

It's already happening. I spent some time in a town called Almunecar on Spain's Costa del Sol this past winter. Overall, the town is unremarkable, except for one section I discovered by accident. It's a labyrinthine warren of twisting cobbled streets that follow no pattern, curving back, even bisecting themselves at times. The streets meander crazily, opening up on unexpected plazas, tiny hidden cafes and ancient churches.

It's the Old Town, originally settled by Phoenicians more than two thousand years ago. It's impossible not to get lost in the Old Town, but it's not very scary because it's not very big. Sooner or later, you'll run into something familiar.

Too familiar, actually. After stumbling along one corkscrew alley for a while I suddenly came to an opening.

It was a mini-mall. A nest of shops selling Timex watches, Nike running shoes, Levis, Janzten swimwear and Paula Abdul CDs.

On the plus side, I couldn't buy any of it. It was two in the afternoon and the shops were all closed.

Siesta, don't you know.

## FOR THE RECORD

• An error in the GISS music program meant vocal soloist Rosie Hamilton was incorrectly identified in a June 14 review of a GISS music concert. Vocalist Caroni Young was also misidentified in the same piece.

## Poets Cove trial set to begin in Victoria on Wednesday

The trial pitting Poets Cove Resort and Spa against the provincial government's Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) is set to begin this morning (Wednesday) at 9:30, nearly 18 months after RCMP first laid charges against the company for allegedly moving more than 50 truck loads of human

remains from South Pender Island's Bedwell Harbour.

The materials are said to have come from the site of an ancient First Nations midden dating as far back as 3,000 BC during construction of the \$40-million luxury resort by the Calgary-based company.

Observers representing

First Nations groups from across the country contend the case is especially important because no person or company has ever been convicted under the HCA.

Penalties can reach as high as \$1 million for corporations and up to two years in jail for individuals found guilty.

## Red tide area keeps on expanding

Fisheries and Oceans Canada declared a total closure to the harvesting of all bivalve molluscs in the waters surrounding the Gulf Islands and much of the B.C. coast last week.

The most recent local closures affect harvesting of all clams, oysters, mussels and scallops in Ganges Harbour, Fulford Harbour and Satellite Channel due to paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxin, as a result of naturally-occurring algae in coastal waters

caused by higher water temperatures.

Last week officials expected the closure to continue for at least another three weeks, but likely longer. An area must be deemed free of the PSP toxin for three weeks before it will be declared open for harvesting again.

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# A house fire: in the beginning

A fire struck the Salt Spring home of Diana Thompson, her husband Lari Robson and son Dexter on February 18, 2006. In a series of three articles, Diana describes some of their experiences, with the aim of inspiring others to be more prepared in case they become victims of a fire in future.

and that the area around the heater stayed clear. Yet I was the one who lit the fire that threw the sparks that lit the roof that torched our home on a cold morning last February.

The staircase, the roof and our son's bedroom were incinerated. We've lost videos and tapes of him as a child, but we have him, and that's all that matters.

Still, I woke in the night for two months afterwards, terrified, believing I smelled smoke, and, once awake, I lay wishing the fire had never happened. Wishing I'd caught it in time, wishing the garden hose hadn't been frozen solid or that the fire

extinguisher could have been of some help. And when our blackened house stood there stinking, I was left wishing I'd done what they tell you to do: document everything you own, take photos or video, and put the images in a safety deposit box.

I ended up spending two months wearing a respirator and gloves, combing through blackened bits of toys and furniture, trying to identify and photograph what was lost. It's not a job I'd recommend to anyone. But I had no other way of being certain of what was lost, and if the insurance company wanted to challenge any of our claims, we had to have

proof of ownership.

Like most people, we have replacement insurance, which means that whatever you once owned will be paid for if you replace it. If you don't replace it, you can list it and get a depreciated value. But you need to know what you owned, and believe me, it's not easy to remember. Do you know the year and publisher of that old book? Or what lens was on your camera? Take the pictures.

There are many things I wish I'd known or done before the fire. If I write them down here, perhaps it will help you.

We had an emergency route and we'd practised it. I'd even drilled a hole through a stud upstairs, attached an eyebolt, then tied on a heavy rope knotted every foot. If someone was trapped up there, they had an escape. We'd already planned where to meet. It was a good thing, having that plan. We knew we were safe and the pets were with us.

I wish I had read our insurance policy. Like others, I thought we were covered with replacement insurance. That means our house would be replaced, right? Check again. If you live in an older house, and you need to rebuild, you will need to upgrade to present-day building standards. Your house might have 2 x 4 studs, but now you need 2 x 6. If you don't have "bylaws insurance," which will cover the difference in cost, you'll be paying for that yourself.

We also have separate studio buildings, listed on our policy. Our work isn't based in our house. But if yours is, you might want to go take a look at your papers. Insurance companies aren't quite as understanding after a fire as they may seem beforehand.

One last thing. We'd just spent \$10,000 on a new cedar roof. We'd had hand-split shakes ever since my husband built the place 30 years ago, and we loved the way they looked — the shining richness of them. But cedar looks horrific when it burns. Metal roofs look great to me now.

By DIANA THOMPSON  
First of three parts

I was always the one who insisted we stop the car. We'd have to turn around and go all the way back, just to be certain the damper on our woodstove was closed.

I was adamant that the stove must be out at night,

## RANTS & ROSES

### ROSES

A sulky full of roses to Ron Reznick, Andrea and John Pringle, Linda Jensen, Sue Newman, Janet, Mardin, and all the participants, sponsors, organizers and all my subjects, for helping me with my ride around the track at the Relay for Life. Phyllis

Black long-stemmed roses for Ezra, JK47 aka Amitai Marmorstein, whose inventive original "choices" are making Legoland a cult classic.

Roses to everyone who donated humanitarian aid for the Caravan to Cuba and money for us to pay shipping costs for our aid. These include Pharmasave, GISS band and dance groups, Unitarian Fellowship, Local NDP Committee, Sue Earl, Juliette Laing, Bruce Elkin, George and Ellen Taylor, the jeweller at the market, Sandra Hunter, Vikash, Harry

Burton, Marg Simons, Sid Filkow, Judith Borbas, Pat Duke, Dale Drever and the list goes on and on. Also, a special bouquet of roses to Lou Ellis whose passion for the people of Cuba is truly inspiring! Muchos Gracias, TL

A big bouquet of fragrant yellow roses to Donna, Kelly, Kerry and Maggie of Island Quest Realty for sponsoring the Women's Cancer Support Group team in the Relay for Life June 9-10! Thanks, ladies — see you next year!

Roses, roses and more roses to my neighbours on Mount Belcher Heights, who have been working so hard to remove the broom from their property and along the road. It is wonderful to see a whole stretch of road free of this invasive fire hazard! LG


Many thanks to the Colgans for creating a fabulous equestrian facility in a heavenly setting. Bushels of roses for offering to the community excellent clinics,

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Mrs. Weinert's Grade 4-5 class at Salt Spring Elementary would like to thank all the businesses who supported our raffle: GVM, Pharmasave, Saltspring Soapworks, Harlan's, Foxglove, Mrs. Clean, West of the Moon and Aromacrystal Therapy. Thanks to you, we're off to Hornby Island!

Many dozen roses to Lily and Andrea, for all the care and support to Harrison after his accident at the skatepark. We are so grateful to have friends like you both. Also, bunches of roses to the paramedics, and to Matt and Josh and all the people who helped Harrison. JJ

A rose to the wonderful crew at Thrifty Foods for hosting the fundraiser BBQ last Saturday! And to Janet for the cool decorations. Love from the Climbing Wall Wallunteers.



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# Local woolgatherers spinning July 16 farm tour plan

Islanders might want to put a new summer activity on their calendar now.

On Sunday, July 16, the Salt Spring Island Woolgatherers are opening their farms for visitors to

tour, as part of a plan to raise awareness of locally produced fibre.

Members of the Farmers Institute Sheepbreeders, participants are Frog Hollow Farm, owned by Lorrie Irwin and Andy Whitehead;

Ravensbluff Farm, Donna Vanderwekken; Shepherd's Purse Farm, Ron and Donna Ateah; Maple Hill Farm, Delaine Faulkner and Steve Grayson; Willowcrest Farm, Tony and Margaret Threlfall; and Bullock

Lake Farm, John and Iris Fulker.

"Farms will be open to visitors for one hour at each location — to view the animals, enjoy the ambience of farm life and see the value-added products that are available,"

explains a press release. "We hope to promote Salt Spring's wool industry so that it will become as well known as Salt Spring lamb."

The day will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## TRAVEL BC

## Warm Weather Months Mean Biking in BC

On a bike, adventurers can flashback to their youth, get some exercise and - in the case of fat-wheel riding - have a wild adventure. These days, there are two modes of bicycle riding - one for road travel and the other for rugged trails. Whichever is preferred, there are many choices of where to pedal in the Vancouver, Coast & Mountains region.

Right in Vancouver, enthusiasts can cruise the seawall or along the west side's picturesque beaches. There is a cycling route under the SkyTrain that connects Vancouver to Burnaby and New Westminster. For more two-wheeled

adventure, head to Richmond to pedal peacefully along the dykes. Here, as well as Ladner's country roads, are picturesque places to combine biking and birding. One should keep in mind that bikes are allowed on many modes of transport in Vancouver's public transit system. Also, there are many places to rent bikes in Vancouver, several near the entrance to Stanley Park.

In the Fraser Valley, there is no end to rural routes. Around Langley, Abbotsford and Chilliwack, adventurers can follow country roads among farmland and nurseries before stopping for a picnic in a park or at a mom-and-pop owned eatery.

To navigate a vast web of trails including cross-country routes, intense downhills, freerides with ladder bridges, skinnies, teeter-totters and more, riders can venture to the Sunshine Coast. Sprockids Mountain Bike Park offers the opportunity to hone one's skill before hitting epic trails with a vengeance.

However, should adventurers wish a screaming wild ride, a journey to the mountains offers a haven of rugged

opportunity. There are some great places for single-track riding. Known as the 'birthplace of freeriding,' the North Shore Mountains await. Mt Seymour's signature ride, CBC, as well as Ned's Atomic Dustbin, are sure to test any rider's mettle.

In Whistler, riders can make some tracks amid classic trails, replete with scenery rich in mountains, rivers, creeks and deep-green forest. And for more, one can head to the Whistler Blackcomb Mountain Bike Park, which promises over 200 kilometres of lift-serviced, adrenalin-fueled trail blazing. As operators of the world's largest and most successful bike parks, Whistler Blackcomb is considered a pioneer in bike park development.

Chilliwack's Vedder Mountain will rev up hard-core riders, rooted runways are everywhere. The Squamish region rocks when it comes to single-track rides and should one journey to Hope in search of a ride with a view, the Kettle Valley Railway trail through Coquihalla Canyon Provincial Park will prove a memorable trek. This 18 kilometre (11 mile) round-trip starts at the Hope Visitor Centre, making

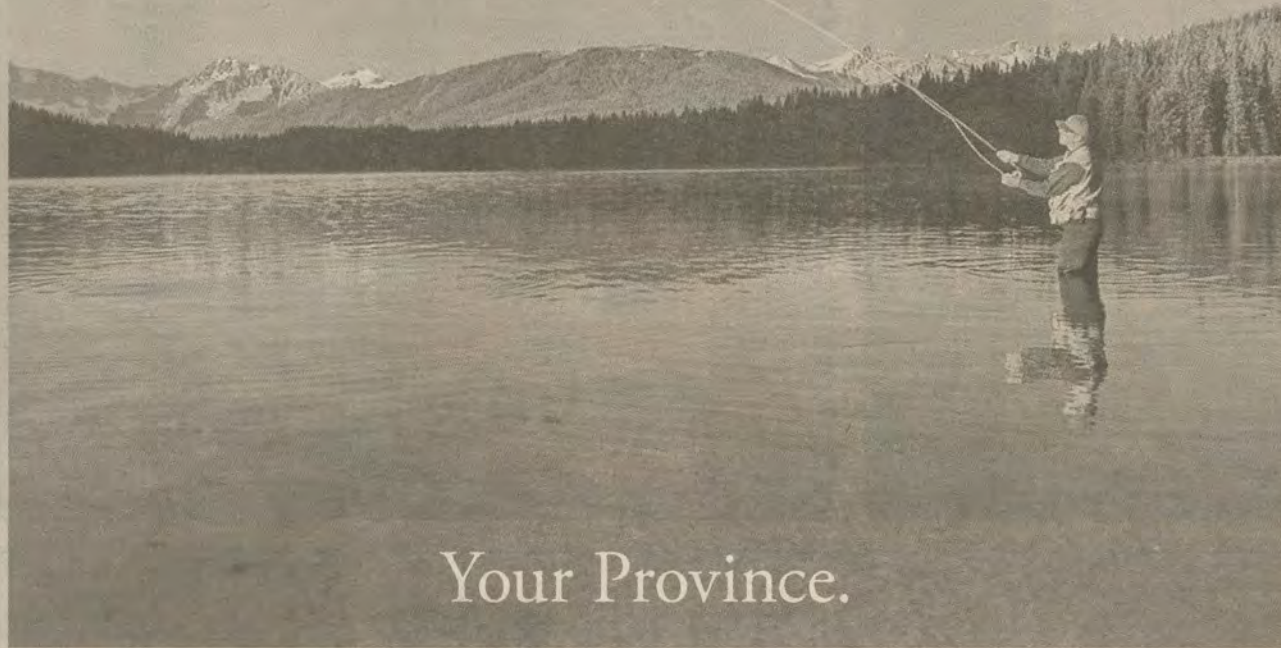
its way through the Othello Tunnels before heading back again.

These are but a few places that will thrill while on a bike in Vancouver, Coast & Mountains. Minus the banana seat. To learn more about biking in the Vancouver, Coast & Mountains Region and to get everything you need to plan your vacation - where to go, what to see and do, where to stay, plus printable maps to show you how to get there - visit [HelloBC.com/vcm/biking](http://HelloBC.com/vcm/biking).



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## Festivals & Events

### Vancouver, Coast & Mountains

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| June 17          | Community Day Parade & Celebration, <b>Langley</b>                      |
| July 7-8         | Abbotsford Berry Festival, <b>Abbotsford</b>                            |
| July 8-16        | Harrison Festival of the Arts, <b>Harrison Hot Springs</b>              |
| August 4 - 6     | Squamish Days Loggers Sports Festival, <b>Squamish</b>                  |
| August 3 - 6     | 24th Annual Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts, <b>Sechelt</b> |
| August 11 - 13   | 44th Annual Abbotsford International Air Show, <b>Abbotsford</b>        |
| August 19        | 13th Annual Arts Alive Festival, <b>Langley</b>                         |
| September 1 - 3  | 19th Annual Chilliwack Bluegrass Festival, <b>Chilliwack</b>            |
| September 1 - 3  | 3rd Annual Riverfest, <b>Lytton</b>                                     |
| September 8 - 10 | 38th Annual Hope Brigade Days, <b>Hope</b>                              |
| August 19 - 20   | Richmond Maritime Festival, <b>Richmond</b>                             |

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### BC's Thompson Okanagan Revels in Wineries and Agri-Tourism

They call it Napa North. The Okanagan Valley, BC's oldest and largest wine producing area, is home to more than 60 wineries, and most welcome visitors with tours and tastings.

The Okanagan wine route starts in Salmon Arm on Shuswap Lake, and continues along Okanagan, Skaha and Vaseaux Lakes to the desert area near Osoyoos. Burgundy and white Wine Route signs mark the way. Wine touring is about more than the vintages. Most Okanagan wineries are in scenic locales, with long lake and vineyard views, and many have memorable settings. You might find yourself sampling wine in a Tuscan-style mission tower, a century-old log house, or next to a pyramid. A growing number of wineries also have restaurants on site; typically open-air eateries serving locally-sourced bistro fare.

Three informative stops en route are the BC Orchard Industry Museum and Wine Museum, which share a building in Kelowna, and the BC Wine Information Centre in Penticton. All three have details about wine and agri-tourism in the area. The valley hosts a wine festival each season. In January, the Icewine Festival celebrates that uniquely Canadian tippie. The Spring Wine Festival has a culinary focus, while the Summer Wine Festival mixes wine with art, music and outdoor adventure. The year's biggest event, and one of the leading festivals of its kind in North America, is the Fall Wine Festival, with dozens of events throughout the region. And, though it may be hard to persuade a true vinophile of this, there is more to the

Okanagan than wine. Throughout the valley, one can stop at farmers' markets and roadside fruit stands to pick up locally made jam, honey, artisanal cheeses, herbs, and, of course, that grand childhood memory: bushels of peaches, apricots, and



Wine tasting in Penticton TOURISM BC/DON WEIL

lush Bing cherries to be eaten on the long drive home. To learn more about wineries and agri-tourism in the Thompson Okanagan Region and to get everything you need to plan your vacation - where to go, what to see and do, where to stay, plus printable maps to show you how to get there - visit [HelloBC.com/Okanagan/wineries&orchards](http://HelloBC.com/Okanagan/wineries&orchards).

**Doubling tourism:** The Province has added \$50 million to meet the goal of doubling tourism by 2015. Projects include cultural extravaganzas, sport events and convention centre upgrades.

# SIMPLY SEA CAPERS

Derrick Lundy photos



Pie ladies, from left, Devon Metcalfe, Marjorie Percy and Meg Hodges serve up a tasty treat at Sea Capers festivities in Centennial Park on Saturday.



Alice Paveley, left, and Kirsty Girard get wet in their hand-built boat.



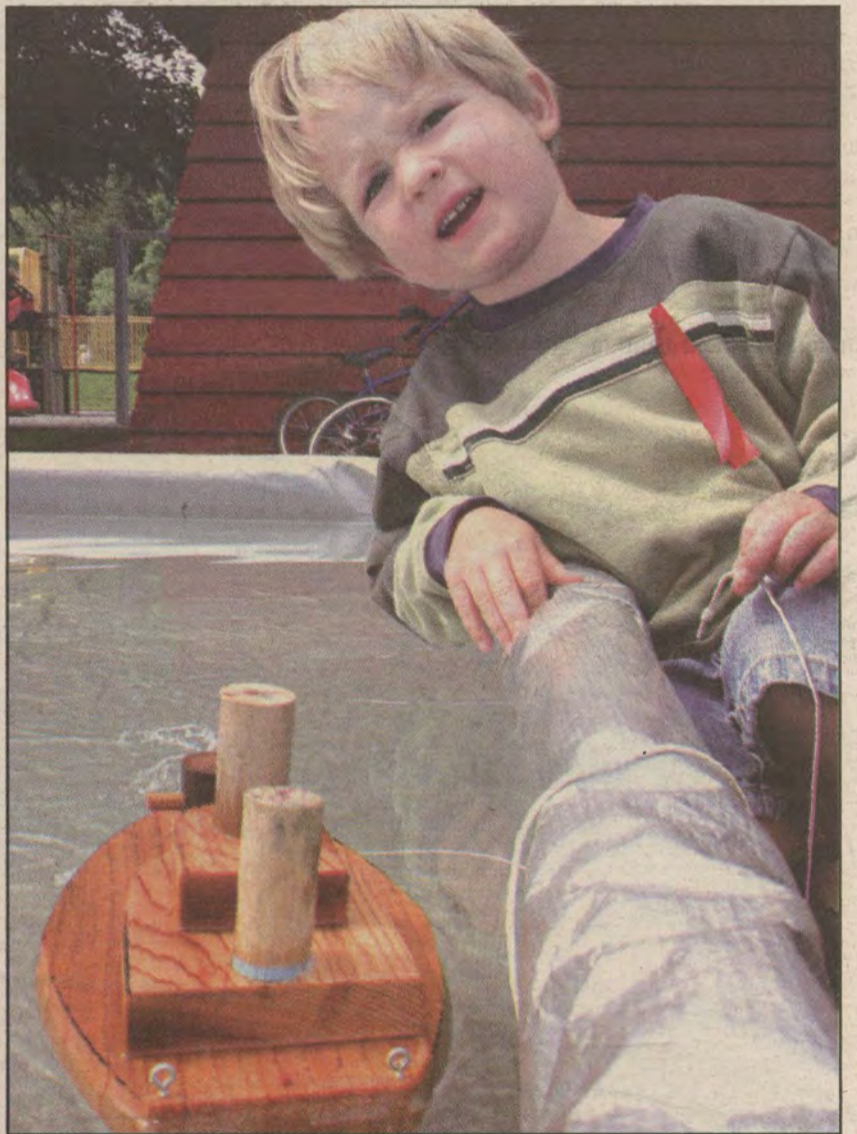
Above, a face-painted Sarah Morris watches the boat launch and enjoys the fun. Below, Seth Crouse sails his handmade boat as part of Sea Capers children's activities.



Above, left, Charles Wilton turns out in trendy Sea Capers fashion, while above right, two young children dance to music being performed in the bandstand.



Above, contestants in the Build-a-Boat contest cross the finish line, while at right, Arnie Hengstler gives a net demonstration as Katie Villadsen and Emily Rothwell look on.



Above, are Micah Booy and Adrien Kaiser building a boat. At left, Julia Hengstler creates a huge bubble in Centennial Park as Sea Capers music plays at the

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# Island Wheels

A Driftwood Guide to Island Transportation, Sales, Service, Accessories and More!

## For the love of old cars: gearing up for Canada Day show

By **MARV COULTHARD**  
Driftwood Contributor

Have you ever attended a car show? We have one happening here again on Canada Day.

I had the luck and fortune to attend one of the largest cars shows in North America in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Hershey is a small town near Harrisburg and is the home of the Hershey chocolate company and factory. Hershey has a population of 13,000 and yet it hosts what is claimed to be the largest antique car show in the world.

It is truly an awesome sight to see. In the fall of 2000 I was on a tour of the east coast of North America, travelling from New Orleans via Montreal to Badec, Nova Scotia along with 20 other Morgan car drivers. Our final stop on the tour was just in time for the Antique Automobile Club's annual gathering of the east coast branches. There must have been over 3,000 cars in the Hershey stadium and surrounding parking lot and fields.

An adjacent field held an automotive flea market.



**Classic cars on display at last year's Canada Day car show. The event runs again this year on July 1, but at the middle and elementary school fields on Rainbow Road.**

We even found four Morgans in the car show and one in the for-sale section. I was lost and gone for the dawn-to-dusk car show. Most of the show vehicles were "big

American iron," as I like to call them, and many I had never seen before, not even in pictures.

There was a row of about 25 '57 T-birds, with the next

row being 1956 models and '58s the other way.) All popular makes and models were in abundant representation. All the '57 T-birds were the same. Strict adherence to

factory specifications made you points in the scoring. Some were convertible and some hardtop and, of course, different, but factory colours. It was quite the sight.

Then came the lesser-known makes and models. I saw my first Stanley Steamer in full running order, just like it was out of the factory. Makes like the Auburn, Durant, Duesenberg, Tucker, Maxwell, Detroit, Stutz, White, Overland and, one of my favourites, the Cord. I had always wondered about the Cord and here was my first chance to get a good look at them close up.

There were about 10 examples from years like 1929 to 1937 when the company went out of business. As a luxury car producer, the company did not survive the Depression.

The car was a beauty though, some models with standard round headlights and some with an upside-down teardrop shape. Most had chrome flex pipe exhausts fitted through the sides of the hood, and all sporting a very distinct look with the front wheels set much further forward than the grill and a large round oval below the grill.

The car was front wheel drive. It used the same

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## Awareness and use of alternative fuels still low

Article provided by Car Care Canada

Despite record oil prices, concerns about global pollution levels and dependence on foreign energy, Canadians' awareness and use of alternative fuel engine technologies is still fairly low, according to a recent Synovate survey.

Synovate, a global market

research firm, surveyed over 900 respondents in Canada and the U.S. as part of an international assessment of 4,500 vehicle owners around the world.

"Virtually every automotive manufacturer worldwide is trying to understand consumers' familiarity with, usage of and preference towards hybrid electric,

direct injection diesel and alternative fuel source vehicles," commented Scott Miller, CEO of Synovate's global Motoresearch practice.

Canadian and American consumers have similar awareness and adoption behaviours toward alternative fuel technologies, but significantly differ in their top reason for considering

such a vehicle: Canadians, along with most respondents across the globe, want cleaner emissions and less pollution, while the majority of Americans surveyed want to reduce dependence on foreign energy.

Canadians responded similarly to consumers around the world when asked which factors keep them from purchasing an alternative fuel vehicle. By far, high vehicle cost is the number one deterrent. Consumers' perception of these vehicles' limited driving range was the second most cited reason among everyone surveyed.

Canadians are most familiar with hybrid electric vehicles over other alternatives to conventional engines, though surprisingly, less than one per cent of the respondents surveyed currently own or previously owned a hybrid vehicle. Other countries surveyed for this study, including China and Russia, had significantly lower awareness of this technology.

Direct injection diesel technology — a dramatic improvement over its predecessor diesel technology in terms of fuel efficiency, performance and tailpipe emissions — has the highest use globally, but is still very low at only five per cent among all those surveyed. In Canada, this type of engine is the least familiar of the three technologies mentioned in the survey, with 30 per cent of Canadians never having heard of direct

injection diesels.

"Diesel technology has improved dramatically over the last decade, as is evidenced by broad adoption in many European markets," said Miller. "Outside Europe, however, it is plagued by consumer familiarity with older diesel technology most typically found in pickups and commercial vehicles, which are typically loud, rough and have visible tailpipe emissions. The challenge facing diesel advocates in Canada is how to get enough newer diesels into the market to expedite the same change in perception that has taken place in Europe."

While 91 per cent of North Americans are familiar with alternative fuel sources such as natural gas, ethanol, methanol or bio diesel, less than four per cent of Canadian respondents currently own or previously owned a vehicle that uses this technology. One major hurdle may be fuelling infrastructures in Canada.

"Alternative fuel vehicles are typically developed in small, experimental volumes for commercial application, which is why so few retail consumers have seen or even heard of them," explains Miller, adding that the fuelling infrastructure does not exist to offer general consumers a minimally acceptable level of convenience. "This is a serious 'chicken and egg' problem for the energy and automotive industries.

Manufacturers can't afford to launch vehicles that are not supported by a refuelling infrastructure, and the energy industry can't afford to build the infrastructure and wait 10 years for enough vehicles to be on the road to make it worth their investment."

"The principal perceived benefit of most of these technologies is a reduced impact on the environment, which while important, does not tend to strongly affect individual purchase behaviour in most markets," notes Miller. "As a result, consumers have not driven the demand for such vehicles. Instead, these vehicles have been regarded as requiring the consumer to pay a higher price and make unacceptable tradeoffs in areas like performance, vehicle size and design."

But hybrid vehicles may be leading a change in consumer attitude in markets where they are being promoted aggressively by well-respected manufacturers such as Toyota and Honda. And the required sacrifices are disappearing with some new hybrids actually boasting better acceleration than the vehicles' conventional engine options.

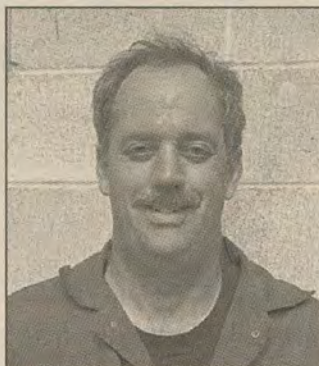
"The environment is becoming increasingly important to the consumer," concludes Miller. "Now they have an option to 'do the right thing' for society without giving up the things that matter to them as individual vehicle buyers."

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Lycoming engine as used in the Auburn (a company that Cord acquired in 1927), but Cord reversed the engine so the transmission and differential was out front. The manual transmission was controlled by a long rod overtop of the engine and protruding through near the top of the dash.

On to the sports cars, of course. There were lots of examples of the popular British makes and models. Americans like the Austin Healey and several were present.

Porsche was well represented and even a few Italian cars like the Fiat Spyder and a couple of Ferraris.

In amongst them I spotted a Crosley. I sat and chatted with the owner. It was a 1938 Crosley, made in the U.S. and sold through the Sears company.

I was fascinated with the car, as it was all in original condition. My father used to drive one, though before I

could remember it.

The day came to a close and I wearily left to find my car and to retire to the hotel for a beer and dinner with the rest of us who were on the tour.

Next morning I was up early again, had a quick breakfast and off to Hershey park again, this time taking in the car-for-sale compound. In amongst them was a 1967 Morgan drop-head coupe in immaculate condition.

Another member of our group, a fellow from Toronto, knew the car and gave us some history of it.

I then wandered off to the flea market — we sometimes call it an "autojumble." This again was going to be good for the whole day. Booth after booth and tent after tent, by the acres, of car parts. Old and new.

Everything from trick wheels to junk from under the old workbench. I suppose the theory is that "one man's junk is another man's plea-

sure." I made several finds. In one place this fellow had five wire wheels fitted with five Semperit tires.

They were from a Triumph TR4, but were exactly what I have on my Morgan. I was so close to buying them, but between the costs of shipping them home and their questionable condition, I decided against it.

I did find in one place a brand new Unisyn SU carburetor synchronizing tool for Morgan Su's and in another shop a full carburetor rebuild kit for the four-barrel atop the 460 in our '76 Ford van.

Another long day came to a close. My legs and feet were sore from walking and I headed for the hotel and dinner.

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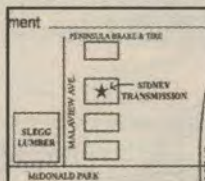
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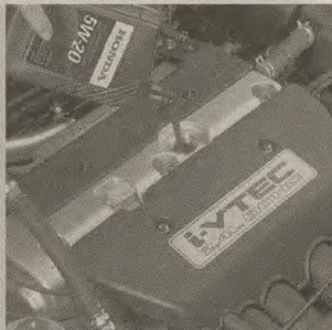


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## Rally Round the Rock memories during spin in Subaru Impreza WRX

By GAIL SJUBERG  
Driftwood Editor

My colleague Susan Lundy and I once participated in a car rally — the exciting inaugural Rally Round the Rock in 1997 — but we didn't exactly have a rally car at our disposal.

I think we used one of Susan's Toyotas before it spiralled into island beater status, and while her driving skills and my navigating abilities weren't a bad combination, I wonder how we'd have fared on the route with a 2006 Subaru Impreza WRX Sport Wagon.

Saunders Subaru in Colwood let ad sales rep Rick MacKinnon borrow one for a few days and I took it for a quick spin on a rainy spring afternoon.

This car is apparently a consistent rally participant and winner, and carries a bunch of awards from the last few years around in its wheel wells, so it wasn't surprising that it accelerates like Maurice Richard on a breakaway and comes to a stop like an Edmonton Oilers party on Monday night.

(Handy for avoiding those reckless Salt Spring deer.)

Don't ask me about the attributes of a "230-horse-

**"Short shifting between gears on the five-speed manual transmission accelerated that process and made for a fun outing."**

power 2.5 litre DOHC inter-cooled, turbocharged boxer engine" or "236 pound-feet of torque at 3,600 rpm" — all I know is that the WRX was quickly up to speed on Long Harbour Road.

Short shifting between gears on the five-speed manual transmission accelerated that process and made for a fun outing.

However, all that power has some impact at the pumps, with the WRX getting about 24 miles to the gallon in the city and 34 on the highway.

The WRX also has symmetrical all-wheel drive, a "sport-tuned" four-wheel independent suspension, 17-inch alloy wheels and automatic climate control, and something called electronic brake-force distribution, which, according to the vehicle manual, "detects passenger and cargo load and then controls the balance between

front and rear brakes to help distribute brake force more effectively when the vehicle is weighed down," as well as the usual anti-lock braking system.

Cargo-space-wise, the wagon has a 60/40 split rear seat and roomy storage area at the back.

Besides the wagon, the WRX also comes in a tres sporty STI model with a rear spoiler and special, high-performance Brembo brakes.

When it comes to looks, Subaru has always seemed to prefer the no-nonsense, sensible shoes ensemble, although the WRX does break that tradition somewhat.

Inside, the car isn't cluttered with fancy dials or stuff you don't really need, and the black and grey interior has a calm, classy feel, while the driver's seat made me feel well supported and ready to fly.



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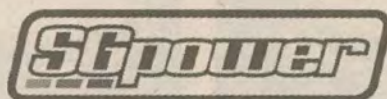
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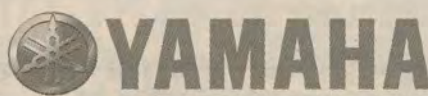


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## Time to check your cool quotient with a cooling system quiz

Article provided by Car Care Canada

A fairly common household disaster is flooding of the laundry area due to a split hose on a washing machine.

Also vulnerable to a similar disaster is your car.

A bulging radiator hose, carrying hot water (coolant) under pressure, can rupture.

Cooling system neglect is cited as a principal reason for mechanical failure of a vehicle.

In addition to the danger and inconvenience of a breakdown, the damage to the engine and transmission can add up to thousands of dollars.

Discovering a leaking radiator, hose connection, a sticking thermostat or other cooling system component that's on "borrowed time" can save the life of your engine.

To underscore the importance of proper care of the cooling system, Car Care Canada offers this multiple-choice quiz. See how much you know about this vital engine system.

### Cooling System Quiz

- For maximum freeze protection antifreeze mixture should be:
  - half anti-freeze and half water;
  - pure antifreeze;
  - 70% anti-freeze, 30% water.
- In the cooling system the thermostat:
  - controls engine temperature;
  - works the air conditioner;
  - modulates the diodes.

- A radiator cap is designed to:
  - keep water from sloshing out of the radiator;
  - keep the cooling system operating at a specified pressure;
  - last indefinitely.
- A broken drive belt can cause:
  - overheating;
  - loss of power steering;
  - dead battery.
- Cooling systems on many cars today:
  - have no water pump;
  - never need to be flushed;
  - are equipped with an electric fan on the radiator.

### Answers to Cooling System Quiz:

- (C) is correct, although a 50/50 solution is adequate for most climates, protecting to 00C. Never use pure antifreeze.
- (A) is correct. As stated above, a faulty thermostat, causing an engine to run too hot or too cold, can damage the engine.
- (B) is correct. And when replacing the cap, be sure to install the right one for your vehicle. Pressure recommendations vary.
- Because all three functions are dependent upon the drive belt (or belts) all three answers are correct.
- (C) is correct.

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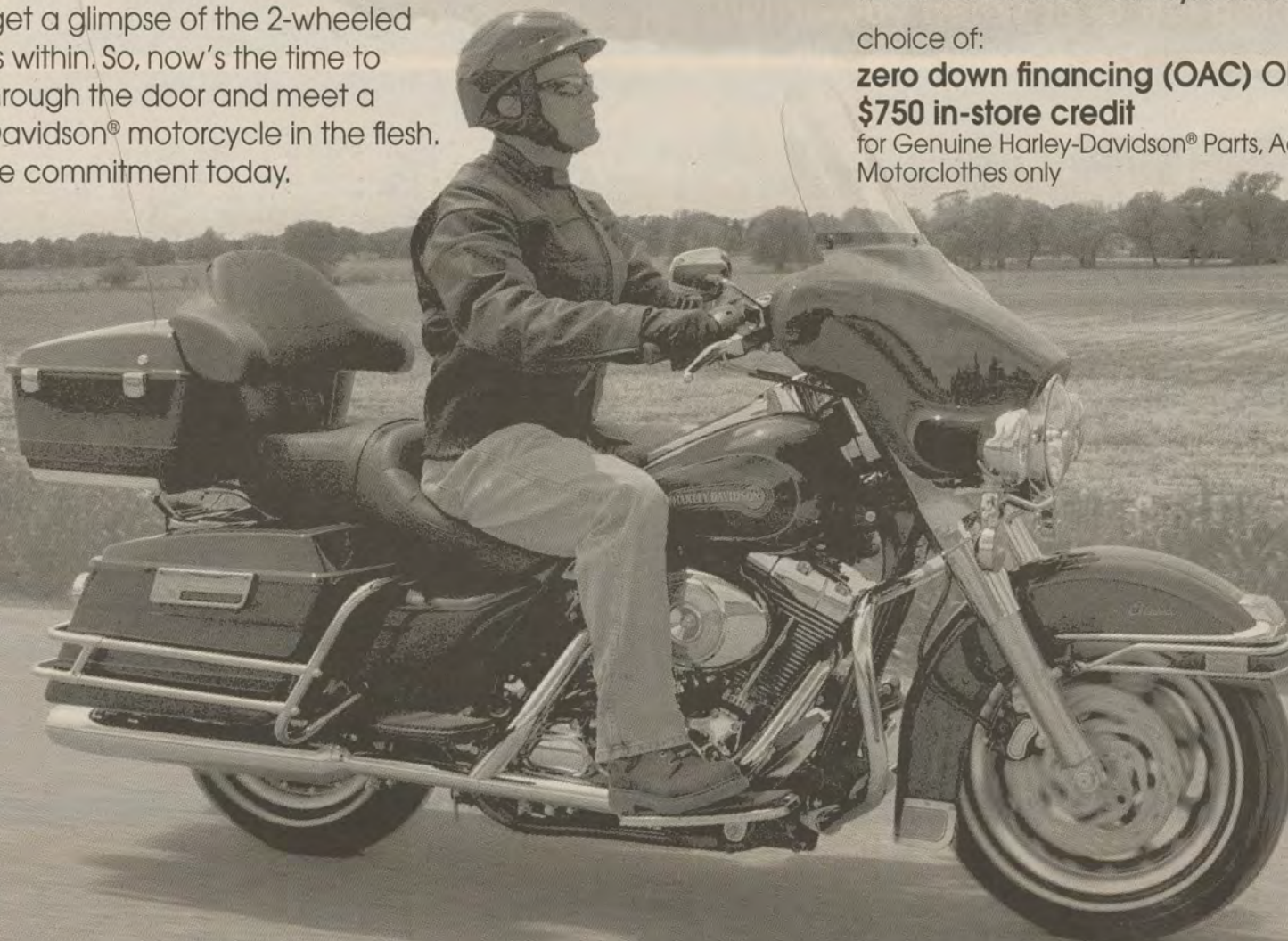
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## Trust, San Juan counterparts trade development solutions

San Juan Island councillors speaking at last week's Trust Council meeting on Saturna Island stretched their hands across the border to stress the need for increased cooperation to handle mutual challenges.

"This entire region's population is expected to grow by six to eight million people by 2010," said San Juan County District 1 council member Kevin Ranker, one of six elected councillors representing the San Juan Island's 55,000 residents (although three positions are currently vacant). "Our common problems transcend both visible and invisible boundaries."

Elected officials from both the Islands Trust and San Juan County agreed to extend an eight-year-old transborder island agreement that has allowed representatives from Canada and the United States to develop solutions to problems stemming from development pressures.

"What is eerily strange is how so many of your issues are our issues," said Ranker, in reference to the challenge

"If the whales don't recognize the border, I'm not so sure we should either."

With over twice as many people as the Islands Trust area and significantly higher property values, San Juan County has significant experience with issues of affordable housing, short-term rental properties and tourism management.

Initiatives like issuing \$150 short-term rental permits for vacation rental use and an excise tax on tourist accommodations are some methods used to generate income for the preservation of sensitive ecosystems and affordable housing.

A joint Islands Trust-San Juan County project to publish a new residents' guide to the area is expected later this year and its creators said they hope the \$38,000 project will help guide future development in the area.

By distributing the booklet for a modest fee through real estate agents, Chamber of Commerce offices and

groups such as the Welcome Wagon, the initiative's backers hope the book will introduce newcomers and visitors to the islands' unique social, cultural and economic concerns.

"Now is a good time to think of reshaping tourism to make sure it is more compatible with the lifestyle here," Ranker told trustees. "Tourist do spend more and more money and we like that, but they also leave garbage and use water."

As the islands grow more and more popular, addressing the challenges will become increasingly difficult, he said, adding that decisions made today will play a crucial role in the look, feel and makeup of tomorrow's islands.

"If we do nothing, we will become increasingly like Nantucket or a Jackson Hole of the north," he said.

"Those are areas that must import their workforces in from other areas because they have ceased to be communities."

## Fireworks show sparks big donations

Corporate generosity will fuel Salt Spring's Canada Day fireworks show, but more donations will make the event even more spectacular.

Chamber of Commerce manager Perry Ruehlen said some \$4,500 has been donated to the cause so far.

That includes \$1,000 from Island Savings, \$1,000 from SSI Village Resort, \$200 from The Local, \$250 from Harlan's Chocoates, a

few private donations and \$2,000 from Ganges Marina and Little Beaver Car Rentals.

Ganges Marina manager Robyn Kelln said he is challenging the community to match his company's \$2,000 contribution in hopes of pulling off what he hopes will be the very best fireworks display ever held on the island.

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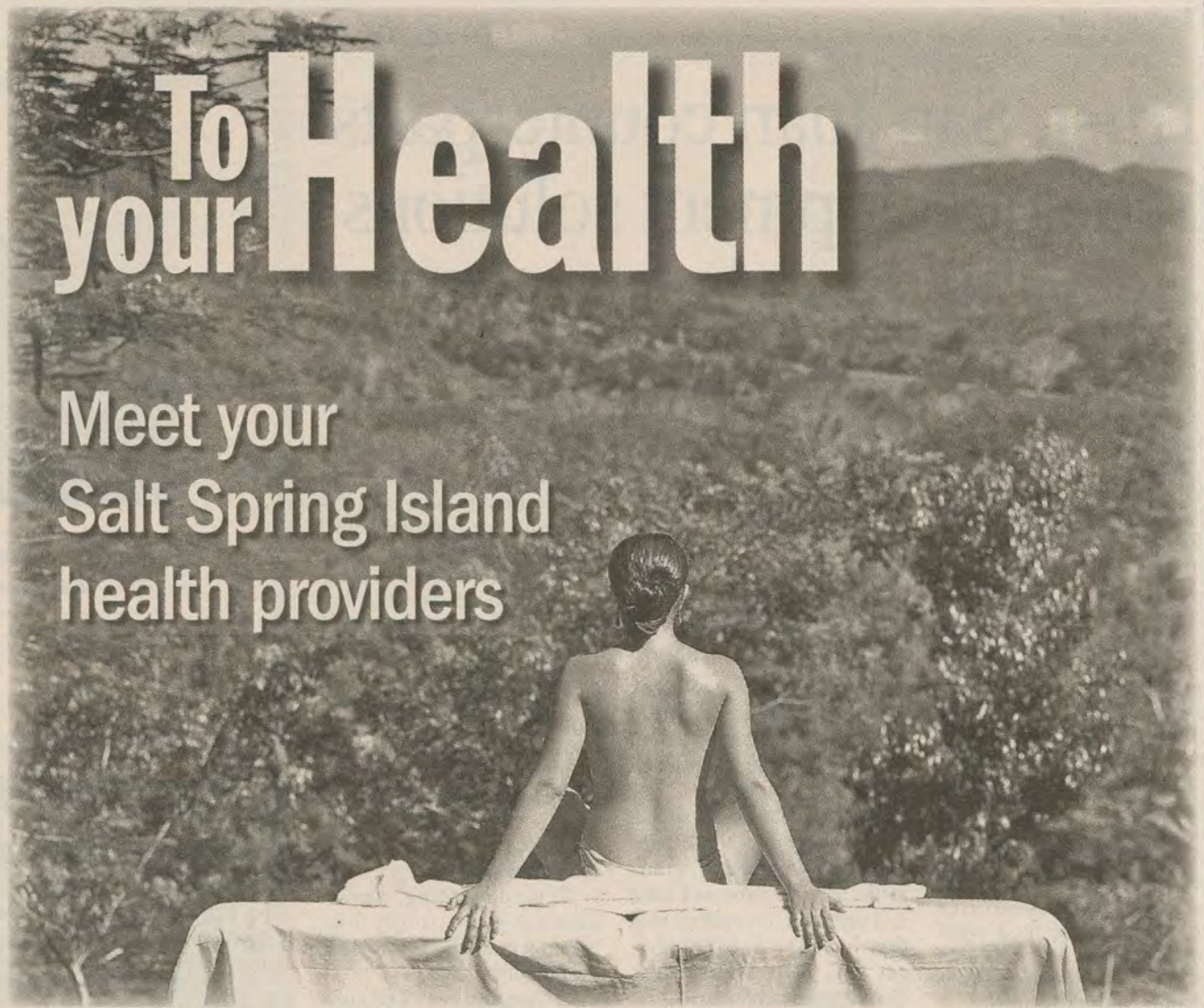
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She currently lives in Vancouver and Salt Spring Island with her beloved husband, Alfred Webre, the International Director of the Institute for Cooperation in Space and the author of “Exopolitics: Politics, Law and Government in the Universe”.

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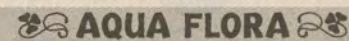
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**PAY-OFF:** Showing off the first \$50,000 instalment to the Capital Regional District to pay down the amount owing on the McPhillips Avenue library lot purchase are volunteers, from left, Betty Ball, board chair Duncan Hepburn, Norma Keech, Pat Byrne (Friends of the Library chair) and Dee Jones. A fundraising campaign has an end-of-July deadline.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Tour reveals library building ills as fundraising campaign takes off

By GAIL SJUBERG · Driftwood Editor

Besides being the Salt Spring public library's multi-talented part-time professional librarian, Marilyn Ming knows how to give an amusing tour of the old building on McPhillips Avenue.

Unfortunately, the topic is a serious one: the physical state of our community library and the need for a new building.

Consisting of three separate sections — including an old boat shed — cobbled together into one space, Mary Hawkins Memorial Library does not meet building code requirements for public assembly, handicapped access, earthquake or fire safety.

"You can jump up and down on the floor here and get an interesting effect," she said last week, standing in the former boathouse "wing" where the magazines are housed.

"It was never designed for the kind of load we need. As a result, I don't want to be here if there's an earthquake."

Walking back into the newer area, she points to the now-famous ceiling beam that actually rests on the bookshelves if the roof is assailed by a heavy snow load.

There's troubles with the ancient fluorescent lighting system, the plumbing and "climate control."

It doesn't have a sprinkler system, of course, and only a single fire exit on both floors.

**"It was never designed for the kind of load we need."  
Marilyn Ming**

Then Ming points out a few lack-of-space issues.

The library's books are crammed onto the shelves, and in some cases sit much lower to the ground than is standard library practice. Books that haven't been in circulation for two years, except for classics and reference materials with lasting value, must generally be removed from the collection to make room for more.

"For the size of our collection, we should have about 9,000 square feet and we have 5,500," said Ming.

Sharing the library's bottom floor is the children's area, a room for book repairs, interlibrary loan and communication services, cataloguing and receiving, a combined book sale/meeting enclave and the Salt Spring Archives.

"It is packed," she said of the Archives. "I mean, literally, jam packed."

However, a new and modern library and Archives home is definitely in the works.

A long-term planning committee of the Salt Spring Public Library Association board researched the options over the past few years, and the board decided to build a new library on both its existing lot and the one next

door, following approval of a November 2005 referendum that made the adjacent lot purchase possible.

While the board can borrow the entire \$600,000 cost through the Municipal Finance Authority via the Capital Regional District (CRD), in order to chop the long-term borrowing total it would rather pay down that amount as much as possible in advance of an end-of-July deadline.

A \$50,000 cheque was recently sent to the CRD, representing the library association's first contribution towards the total sum, but the board would like to send much more.

Donation forms are available at the library and other public locations, and in recent issues of the Driftwood. This current fundraising campaign will be the only public appeal for funding, until it's time for furnishings and decor — assuming taxpayers approve a referendum to pay for a new building.

Also positive is that the purchased building next to the library at 125 McPhillips is now fully rented and, due to modifications, providing income from three tenants that will cover the year's property expenses and generate considerable income until the new library is constructed, reported board chair Duncan Hepburn.

Some 5,829 islanders, including 980 children, have borrowers' cards and visited the library an estimated 95,000 times last year. Hepburn, Ming and the rest of the library board and volun-

teers hope people will make a new library as affordable as possible by voluntarily donating to the land purchase debt now.

All donors will be recognized in a special spot in the new library.

For more information, contact Pat Byrne of Friends of the Library at 537-4258 or [pat@saltspring.com](mailto:pat@saltspring.com) or drop into the library, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Effective June 28, 2006, changes to reservation check-in and reservation cancellation policies come into effect for travel from Tsawwassen to the Southern Gulf Islands.

- Check-in time at Tsawwassen Terminal is a minimum of 40 minutes prior to the scheduled sailing time. This cut-off time is necessary to process all stand-by passengers and to allow adequate time to load the vessels for multiple ports.
- A cancellation fee of \$25 for each direction of travel will be applied to reservations that are cancelled seven days or less before date of travel. This change is being implemented to discourage multiple and block bookings that may not be claimed, and encourage cancellations in time to allow other passengers to reserve travel. There is no penalty for cancelling reservations more than seven days in advance. The new cancellation policy will apply to all reservations made for sailing dates on the Tsawwassen/Gulf Islands route from June 28 onward.

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# Rooster row grows silent as CRD deadline passes

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

All's quiet on Garner Road following a June 15 deadline imposed by the Capital Regional District (CRD) aimed to quell a neighbourhood quarrel pitting one person's request for calm with another's passion for exotic roosters.

"At this point we are taking things one step at a time and hoping everybody can get along," said Wolfgang Brunnwieser, the CRD's animal control officer on Salt

Spring Island.

Brunnwieser issued an ultimatum requiring Garner Road's Elizabeth Cooper to keep her prize-winning rooster's quiet in accordance with the CRD's Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1.

According to neighbour Lucille Lamarche, noise from Cooper's 50 roosters was comparable to a jail sentence which prevented her from sleeping properly and forced her to keep her windows shut 24 hours a day.

According to Section 26 of the bylaw, no person may keep any animal "which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood in which the animal is kept." Failure to comply with the regulation carries a penalty of up to \$100 and possible confiscation of the animal.

Since first hearing of the deadline in May, Cooper said, she has done everything in her power to reduce the crow by adding sound-proof insulation to the noisiest of

her four chicken coops. At this point, Cooper added, she's relieved there have not yet been any complaints though she remains concerned with the potential precedent the decision may set in other neighbourhoods.

"My concern is that there is nothing in place to prevent this whole horror story from happening again to someone else on the island," she said. "Only one of my five neighbours complained and the CRD came down on me like a ton of bricks."

Though exemptions to the bylaw are permitted in agricultural zoned properties, Cooper must comply with the regulation or risk losing her flock because her two hectare (five acre) property is zoned Rural Residential.

Cooper said she hopes to pressure the CRD, hoping it will reassess how it handles complaints.

"Everybody should have the right to farm and you can't raise animals without noise," she said. "It's a good thing I didn't have any pigs."

# SWOVA bids for social justice as new B.C.-wide elective announced

A new social justice course set for B.C. schools could increase opportunities for local programs offered by Salt Spring Women Opposed to Violence and Abuse (SWOVA).

During a regular board meeting of Gulf Islands School District (SD 64) on June 14, a SWOVA delega-

tion celebrated B.C. government plans to implement a new Grade 12 course that will explore issues such as race, ethnicity, gender, family structure and sexual orientation with a pilot project in 2007/08.

"We see this as a crack in the door," said SWOVA executive director Lynda

Laushway.

According to a provincial press release from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of the Attorney General, the new course "will explore the nature of a just and equitable society by focussing on social justice issues. The new elective course will offer students

opportunities to study the legal, political, ethical and economic perspectives that inform Canadian concepts of justice and equality."

The new curriculum forms part of a human rights settlement between the province and a Vancouver couple who filed a complaint about systemic sexual discrimination

in B.C. classrooms.

"They weren't being inclusive enough," said Laushway.

But courses in social justice are nothing new within the SD 64.

SWOVA has been offering programs like the 12-week Respectful Relationships course for the past six years.

Trustees indicated they would write a letter to the Ministry of Education and urge the government to expand upon social justice programs.

"We can remind them of the innovation award we received on this very topic," said SD 64 board chair May McKenzie.

## Public Notice

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## Distant learning rules tightened

School District #64 (SD64) signed a distributed learning agreement (DLA) with the Ministry of Education on June 14 affecting a local District Learners Partnership Program (DLPP) that provides support for homeschooling families.

"Prior to creation of that contract, home learning done electronically was required to be registered with the ministry. We have a program that has home learning done directly out of our schools," said SD64 superintendent Wendy Herbert.

By provincial descriptors, distributed learning is an alternative to classroom-based instruction for kindergarten to grade 12 students. It can be delivered using paper-based print material, electronic delivery, face-to-face communication or combinations of these.

As opposed to home schooling, school districts receive full per-pupil fund-

ing from the government for students participating in distributed-learning programs. Accordingly, districts are responsible for curriculum and evaluation of those programs and their students, which is not the case with homeschooling.

Upon signing the new DLA contract, school districts must meet new criteria for all distributed-learning programs, Herbert said.

"They are not very different from what we have done. The biggest difference is that we have reimbursed parents when they have expended dollars for resources and supplies that are directly connected to the student learning plan."

The SD 64 board office will now purchase services directly for participants in the DLPP, she said.

"They will be able to fund the majority of the activities that they have already been doing."

But a few items like admissions to Science World, ferry tickets and some types of lessons may no longer be eligible, she said.

"The reason the ministry has entered into contracts with districts is they want to insure that the money expended on a per-pupil block is resulting in improved learning for kids."

Provincial regulations also require new reporting and accountability criteria, along with the stringent funding guidelines through the new contract.

"The landscape has changed from the ministry's perspective. They have broadened the ability of independent schools to be part of what they are calling a 'virtual school.'"

Some 90 students were registered in the DLPP during 2005/06. The program was first introduced to SD 64 in 2000.

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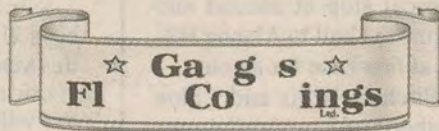
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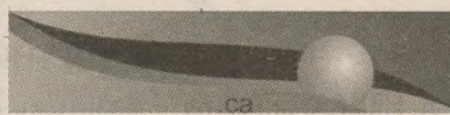
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**LUCKY HORSESHOES:** Participating in a horseshoe tournament at the Legion in Ganges were (clockwise from top left): Tim McNinch, Bob Graham, Dan Behrens, Ken Williams, Ruth Kirby and Pat Murphy. Behrens took top honours in the Saturday event.

Photo by Derrick Lundy

## Nilssen takes 10<sup>th</sup> at Squamish Test of Metal

Despite gruelling conditions over a 67-kilometre track, Salt Spring's John Nilssen endured another top-10 finish at the Test of Metal in Squamish on Saturday.

Nilssen was one of 800 cyclists who challenged themselves to face the 67-kilometre course.

"I paced myself. I know it's a long ugly, ugly race."

The Test of Metal covers 35 kilometres of gruelling single track and a 1,200-metre elevation gain. As an additional hurdle, the race begins with a mass start out of a corral.

"I actually led the race for 50 yards. I got right at the front at the start — just for fun — but as soon as we got to the hills, it was 'goodbye' to the pros and elites."

The Test of Metal is so challenging that racers are ejected from the event if they do not reach two cut-off

points before pre-determined time limits.

"I'm not getting any slower, just a little bit older and fatter."

Nilssen has competed in the event eight times previously.

"I did the same time I've always done."

But course conditions were particularly muddy this year, he said.

"There was a couple inches of peanut-butter goo in places, so it was hard to pedal through it."

He finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 64 in the men's 50-59 category with a time of 3:55.34 hours. Overall he placed 237 out of 800.

"If it had been drier I could have had a personal best."

Next on Nilssen's race calendar is the Squamish Triathlon on July 9.

"That will be more to my liking because the course is flat."

## Teams make most of double-headers

Island Star Video girls bantam softball team lined to centre with four competitive games on the June 10-11 weekend, including a double-header at Fulford against a Langford team.

The first game, a 6-6 tie, saw hits from Devon Craig, Rosie Baldwinson, Carolyn Pomaizl, Erin Foster, Becky (last name unknown by game recorder) and a triple from Deven Miles.

Stars outs came from plays in the field by Baldwinson, Foster, Craig, Pomaizl and Robinson, and Craig had three strike-outs as pitcher.

Second-game bat power came from Andrea Sweetnam, Megan Robinson, Becky, a Pomaizl triple and a bunt from Miles. Other players got to base on walks, including Heather Macdonald and Stephanie Lundy,

with Macdonald's trip across the plate marking the only Stars run of the fifth inning.

Pitcher Miles had two strike-outs in the 14-6 game, and Sweetnam, Baldwinson, Robinson, Miles, Pomaizl, Katie Haydon, Asia Petis and Craig were all involved in Langford outs.

Sunday's games saw only nine players make the trip to View Royal.

The Stars held the lead until the last two innings in the first game, with great catches by Haydon on short-stop, Sweetnam on first, second baseman Foster and Petis on third. Final score was 10-7.

Second game offensive highlights included Megan Robinson's hard hit to centre to bring in two runners, two RBIs by Becky, Macdonald

stealing home and a bunt by Craig.

Salt Spring led for some of that game but lost 17-7.

The Ace Courier pee-wee girls team also made some strong plays and hits in a Cordova Bay double-header on Sunday, but were no match for their big-city counterparts, who beat them 20-4 and 20-10.

The first game saw hits from Kaylea Kray (a single and double), a single from Alex Crandall and a double from Ashley Kilbourn.

Adept base stealing saw Nicole Oakley come across the plate three times after being walked twice and hit by a pitch for her third at-bat, while Liz Fennell impressively battled Cordova Bay's toughest pitcher with foul after foul.

Defensive highlights saw Megan Jarman catch a fly ball, Katie Temmel make a great stop at second and throw the ball to Alanna Hillis at first base for an out.

Pitchers Hillis and Chloe Sjuberg had two strike-outs each.

The Salt Spring girls came alive in the second part of the next match, with hits from Kilbourn (a two-RBI line drive single), Sarah Robinson (double), singles from Kate Goeujon, Sjuberg and Jarman, and some spectacular running on overthrows by Kray for a game-ending home run.

On the defensive side, quick thinking by Sarah Robinson got two runners out with one play and Jarman's catching was impressive.

## Footballers strike at Summer Games

Salt Spring will be well represented within the boys U12 soccer squad at the B.C. Summer Games this year.

Local youths Gordon Havelaar and Tavis Morton will serve as assistant coaches while three Salt Spring players were chosen to represent the Vancouver Island-Central Coast region at the B.C. Summer Games.

Among players selected for an eight-aside team are Adrian Alonso, Tilai Ellis-Stairs and Jyah Flam of Salt Spring.

Havelaar, age 17, was excited about the opportunity to coach soccer at the B.C. Summer Games.

"It's really amazing. Coaching with Tavis is really fun and it's a great experience."

He coached two young teams (U8 and U7) with Morton in the Salt Spring Island Youth Soccer Association last season.

The Salt Spring representatives will travel off island for training every weekend to different locations on Vancouver Island until the games in Kamloops on July 27-30.



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# Karen Berg beats peak at Kusam Klimb event

Local doctor Karen Berg conquered the Third Annual Kusam Klimb, which included a 1,480-metre elevation gain over a 23-kilometre race at Sayward on Saturday.

"It's not a race for the faint of heart," Berg said.

She placed third against 23 competitors in her division (women aged 40-49) and 48<sup>th</sup> overall (158 total) when she completed the race in 4:17:05 hours.

"The amazing thing is to see so many people wanting to do the same thing. People of all ages, people from all over."

Fastest times at the Kusam Klimb came from Rob Fontaine (2:44 hours) and Sally Marcellus (3:16:04).

"It's amazing because at the top you think, 'Oh my God, I'll never make it home again.' But your body just keeps going."

Highlights included rope-controlled slides down high-angle descents, she said.

"You ski down the hill on your runners. You have ropes to hold onto."

Another section on the downhill leg included a logging road where the culverts had been removed.

"You're running in little dips and valleys the whole way back."

Returning to the race for her second time, Berg posted an improvement from a seventh-place finish in her division last year when she completed the course in 4:24:05 hours (75<sup>th</sup> out of 199 overall).

"You never know what you can do until you try it."

She next plans to attend the Cowichan Challenge Triathlon on July 9 with fellow physician Paula Ryan.

# Swimmers surface with ribbons from Saanich meet

A small contingent of Salt Spring Stingrays swimmers took in competition at Saanich Commonwealth Place last weekend, competing in either one or two days of competition.

Swimming at their second meet of the season, Andrew Sinclair and Rebekah Lee each pulled off personal best times (BTs). In Div. 1 Sinclair nailed two BTs, while Lee (Div. 4) picked up 4 BTs.

Coach Kellie Rolston also commended Liam Sinclair (Div.1) for his efforts at the meet, noting that he "learned to dive and completed all four of his races."

She also noted that Mikala Bascom (Div.1) and Cassie Bascom (Div. 5) competed at their first swim meet.

Ribbons were awarded to the top-eight swimmers in each event, including the following Stingrays:

• Div. 1 — Andrew Sinclair grabbed 8th in 50-m back (1:18.4); Liam Sinclair took 1st in 50-metre breaststroke (1:04.2), 2nd in 50-m

free (45.82) and 3rd in 50-m back (1:00.07); Larrissa Andrews took 3rd in 100-m free (1:58.97), 4th in 50-m breast (1:07.2) and 5th in 50-m back (1:00.1)

• Div. 2 — Maggie Birch nailed 7th in 100-m IM (2:05.19) and 8th in 50-m breast (59.99).

• Div. 3 — Eryn Gix took 2nd in 50-m breast (44.44), 4th in 50-m free (34.70) 5th in 50-m back (42.24), 5th in 100-m free (1:22.17); 6th in 100-m IM (1:34.16); and 8th in 50-m fly (43.54).

• Div. 4 — Grace Morgan took 4th in 100-m back (1:25.43).

• Div. 5 — Nina Fletcher took 2nd in 50-m free (31.95) and 6th in the 200-IM (3:08.56); Danica Lundy grabbed 2nd in all four of her events: 50-m fly (35.56); 100-m back (1:21.53); 100-m breast (1:31.36) and 100-m free (1:11.31).

• Div. 7 — Danielle Viozz placed 2nd 50-m free (32.04);

• Pearl Grey was ladies 18-hole division low-gross winner on June 13 with a 102 score.

Julie Tyler was runner-up low gross (104), while Gladys Campbell was low-net winner (70) and Maxine Whorley was low-net runner-up with a 72.

The putt pot winner was Maxine Whorley, Gladys Campbell and Irene Hawksworth (all with 29).

## GOLF TEES

and Hank Doerksen (#15).

• In nine-hole ladies league play on June 14, Vi Austin was low-gross winner with a 59, while Kathy Darling had the best low-net score with a 42. Ruth Hopping had fewest putts, at 15.

Schwenger Cup play on June 15 resulted in a three-way tie between Gary Coulter, Campbell Blair and Gordon Thorne, who all netted a 65 score.

A playoff will be needed to determine the cup winner.

Tom Locke came in fourth place with a net 66, while Larry Davies had net 67.

KP winners were: Tom Locke (#2), Reg Winstone (#6), Jack Mitchell (#11)

During the GISS banquet, athletes from approximately 20 teams of various sports also received honours for most valuable player, most improved player and coach's choice awards.

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**GONE GOLFING:** Denis Russell took advantage of some great summer weather to work on his game at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Tuesday.

# Athletic Byrons among GISS athletes honoured at banquet

Local athletes were celebrated at an awards banquet at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) on Monday night.

Recognized as a team captain, manager and coach of numerous GISS teams, Jeremy Byron took top honours by receiving the Eric Byron Citizenship Award and Senior Male Athlete of the Year.

The citizenship award recognized Byron's assistance to coaches, peers and younger athletes that exceeded all expectations, said GISS athletics director Lyall Ruehlen.

"It's basically for going beyond your own athletic arena into helping other coaches and other teams."

Female athletes of the year included seniors Emma Rimmer and Avery Brown, along with junior Kate Parker.

Bob Byron joined his brother in receiving the junior male athlete award.

GISS basketball stars Kayla Gromme and Martin Lannan won \$250 Pepsi scholarships for most promising female and male athletes of the year while Tammy Benloulou won the new Nairn Howe Award for Greatest Fan Supporting GISS Athletics.

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### Fields of plenty at Madrona Valley Farm

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His three highly acclaimed books, *From the Good Earth* (1993), *On Good Land* (1998) and his most recent, *Fields of Plenty* (2005) are rich and compelling photographic journeys into the new sustainable agrarian movement and the pioneers who are shaping it.

Since coming to Salt Spring some seven years ago, Michael and wife Jeanne Marie, have sculpted the fertile valley soil at Madrona Valley Farm into a blossoming garden paradise. A sizeable planting of asparagus, over 4000 strawberry plants, rows of French melons, European shelling beans and blueberries have been cultivated on the southern field. Adjacent is a mixed fruit orchard, dozens of California fig and Santa Rosa plum trees, and a greenhouse which nurtures sweet peppers and tomatoes.

In the diverse garden behind their charming Victorian farmhouse, Michael points out the young crop growing between the rows of fava beans, "I have a background in intensive market gardening, so rather than wasting the row space, I'll have two or three crops growing in the same space at the same time".

Ever the visionaries, Michael and Jeanne Marie are planning their next project, the 120 acre Foxglove Farm at the base of Mount Maxwell. If Fairview Gardens and Madrona Valley are any indication, Salt Spring is soon to reap a bountiful organic harvest.

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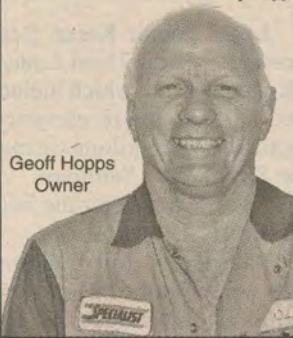
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## Salt Spring Dollars makes history in new bank book

By SEAN MCINTYRE  
Driftwood Reporter

In addition to attracting widespread interest from media and alternative currency advocates across Canada and around the globe, the co-founder of the Salt Spring Island Monetary Foundation (SSIMF) said he remains hopeful inclusion of Salt Spring Dollars (\$\$) in a recently released book on the history of the Canadian dollar will help the currency capture the hearts, minds and wallets of island residents.

"People have called this a model alternative currency," said Bob McGinn.

"They have come from as far away as Japan to speak with us [about it]."

In spite of the currency's significant international following, he said, residents' acceptance of Salt Spring Dollars has been slower than expected since it was first introduced in 2001, even if it is accepted at more than 90 per cent of the island's businesses, including one that even pays its employees with it.

Though widely accepted and distributed across the island, McGinn said, people still have to go a little out of their way to get the notes since they are not available at ATMs and only by request through cashiers at participating businesses.

The popularity of debit card transactions has also cut into the demand for cold

hard Salt Spring cash, he added.

Written by James Powell and published by the Bank of Canada, *A History of the Canadian Dollar* provides a two-page description of Salt Spring Dollars in a section outlining various community currencies used in Canada.

Of those profiled, Salt Spring's colourfully illustrated notes are the only ones still in circulation.

While officially considered gift certificates, as opposed to legal tender, bills feature sophisticated anti-counterfeiting devices.

The \$100,000 in circulation is backed by a reserve fund in either cash, term deposits or gold, and bills are redeemable for Canadian currency.

McGinn said the SSIMF was established as a way to promote the island, highlight the community's unique character and encourage local spending.

Salt Spring Dollars' special edition prints or regular bills taken off the island by visitors as souvenirs, he said, means money earned from term deposits or gold prices can be put towards community projects in the form of an interest-free loan, though the SSIMF commitment to fund projects is unfulfilled so far.

"We are waiting to get a little bigger," said McGinn. "The more it circulates, the more the idea can expand."

*A History of the Canadian Dollar* is available through the Bank of Canada website for \$8.

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